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AMXS 'Cobras' take PACAF maintenance award

By Airman 1st Class Stephen Collier
8th Fighter Wing public affairs

KUNSAN AIR BASE -- The 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron has something more to be proud of: the unit recently took the Pacific Air Forces Maintenance Effectiveness Award for fiscal year 2005.

The award highlights the squadron's ability to "effectively utilize their talent, tools and time to get the mission done," according to Lt. Col. Bill Ferro, 8th AMXS commander.

"Fiscal year 2005 was a banner year for us," Ferro admitted. "From the moment they step foot on Kunsan, the men and women of the 8th AMXS are focused on teamwork. To keep high-performance aircraft of this age in 'fighting form' takes a well-trained and disciplined team of professionals working around the clock. We expect a lot from our folks and they deliver day in and day out."

Before the Cobras could take the



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS STEPHEN COLLIER

Airman 1st Class Chris Schulte, 8th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, checks the tire pressure on an F-16 during a routine inspection Tuesday. The squadron was recently awarded the fiscal year 2005 Pacific Air Forces Maintenance Effectiveness Award.

annual award, challenges faced the unit from the beginning. Early in

2005, Kunsan's runway was shut down due to needed repairs, forcing

the unit and 40 aircraft to deploy to Osan Air Base for 67 days to continue the mission. This would later be the largest 8th Fighter Wing deployment in 10 years.

But the work didn't stop there. Between fixing, loading, launching and recovering jets, Ferro said the unit helped contribute to the 8th Fighter Wing's overall rating of "Excellent" during the 2005 PACAF Operational Readiness Inspection.

"Under tough, wartime conditions, we received the best ORI rating in PACAF in the previous three years," he said. "2005 also gave Kunsan the best rating it has earned in the last 10 years. Compared to other bases, I don't think it (the competition) was even close, but you would have to ask the nice people at PACAF to be sure."

The ORI wasn't the only deal maker for the squadron. The unit also deployed to Paya Labar Air Base,

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Living good at CFAC

Peninsula's only U.S. naval base receives customer excellence award

By Navy Journalist 1st Class David McKee

Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae Public Affairs

CHINHAЕ -- The living is good at Commander Fleet Activities Chinhae, where the Family Housing Office received the "Real Estate Award for Customer Service Excellence," for the third year in a row Feb. 2 in San Diego at the Town and Country Hotel.

Commander, Naval Installations hired a contractor that chose 14 Navy family neighborhoods from 18 regions worldwide based on survey results of all installations.

"Navy Family Housing winning this award again validates this small U.S. Navy base's reputation as the Pearl of the Peninsula," said CFAC's Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Brett Foster. "The excellent customer service provided by the Family Housing staff is a critical part of Fleet Activities Chinhae's multifaceted efforts to make Korea an assignment of choice."

The base Housing Manager, Choe Kun-sik, accepted the award during the professional development seminar hosted by the Professional Housing Management

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STEVEN HOOVER

A Star is Shorn

Videographer Cho Moon-hee records as So Chong-nam puts the finishing touches on a haircut for Sgt. Christopher Largent, 307th Integrated Theater Signal Battalion, Camp Carroll. The life of Largent and his Korean born spouse Yu-seong was chronicled for the KBS2 television documentary, "In Gan Geuk Jang" or human theater, which will air in a five-part series on KBS2 television March 6-10 at 8:50 p.m. each night.

MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several weeks military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

Area 1

■ Criminal Investigation Division was notified of a suspected sexual assault. Preliminary investigation by CISC revealed that individual #1 and two other Soldiers were invited to an on-post living quarters by individual #2, where they consumed large amounts of alcohol. Individual #1 became intoxicated and fell asleep on individual #2's bed. When individual #1 woke up, individual #1's shirt was off and individual #2's hand was partially down the front of individual #1's pants. Individual #1 related that because of the related level of intoxication, individual #1 did not recall any sexual acts being performed. Individual #2 was interviewed under rights advisement and denied touching individual #1 in an indecent manner. Investigation continues by CID.

Area 2

■ Korea National Police were notified of an unknown person entering into a U.S. Servicemember's vehicle while it was unsecured and unattended. The unknown person removed a wallet containing 100,000 won, government travel card, Bank of America card, official U.S. passport, and a tourist U.S. passport. Investigation continues by KNP.

Area 4

■ Subject #1 removed a cell phone from victim #2 while at an on-post fitness center, while it was unsecured and unattended. Subject #1 was identified and apprehended after attempting to activate the cell phone at an off-post phone store. Subject #1 was advised of his legal rights, and rendered a sworn statement attesting to the offense. Subject #1 was released to his unit. This is a final report.

Area 5

■ A civilian operating a privately owned vehicle drove through a red light and was struck by a U.S. servicemember operating a POV, driving through the intersection off post. Damages to the civilian's vehicle consisted of a dent on the left front fender, scratches on the left front and rear door. Damages to the servicemember's vehicle consisted of a scratch on the front bumper.

\$1,000 Bonus Offered

Army expands recruit referral eligibility

By Alphonso Green

Army News Service

ARLINGTON, Va. — The Army has expanded the list of eligible Soldiers who can earn \$1,000 for referrals that lead to Army enlistment.

The Referral Bonus Pilot Program was expanded to include Soldiers performing duty in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program, as well as in the Additional Duty Special Work Program.

The referral bonus was authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act.

Soldiers may receive the \$1,000 referral bonuses for referring anyone, except a member of their immediate family, which is defined as a spouse, parent (including step-parent), child

(natural, adopted, or step-child), brother or sister.

A lump-sum bonus will be paid to a referring Soldier once the referred applicant completes Basic and Advanced Individual Training, regardless of component. There are no retroactive provisions to this pilot program. Payments will be made directly to the referring Soldier's military pay account within 45 days of the referral completing AIT.

Those not eligible to receive a referral bonus include anyone who serves in a recruiting or retention assignment or who receives Special Duty Assignment Pay while in those capacities.

"Soldiers continue to play an important role in the recruiting process and with this program we are able to

recognize their contributions," said Lt. Gen. Franklin L. Hagenbeck, deputy chief of staff, Army G1 (Personnel). "We thank Congress for their recent legislation to provide bonuses such as these," he said.

Under this program, referrals will be made via the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team process. The Soldier must either submit the referral through a process via the SMART link or through the USAREC 1-800 line dedicated to the program. To receive a bonus, the sponsor (Soldier making the referral) must provide the name of the applicant prior to the applicant's interview with an Army recruiter.

For information on the \$1,000 referral bonus, visit: <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/>.



CID agents sought

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command, commonly known as CID, is seeking qualified applicants to become criminal investigators.

Special agents investigate all felony crime of Army interest, conduct protective-service operations, and work closely with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism, officials said.

Agents receive training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and additional training in specialized investigative disciplines. Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the Canadian Police College, as well as the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Forensic Science.

To qualify, Soldiers must be a U.S. citizen, at least 21 years old with between two and eight years of service, possess at least 60 semester hours of college credit and a general technical score of at least 110. A minimum of six months police experience is preferred, officials said, but not required.

They said CID is also looking for qualified civilians to become special agents.

To apply or for information, visit www.cid.army.mil or contact a local CID office.

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Women's History Month Nominations

The Department of Defense is soliciting female role models, military and civilian nominees, working in science, technology, engineering and math disciplines for recognition at the 2006 Women's History Month Observance and Recognition Ceremony March 21 at the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Completed citations of accomplishments highlighting the nominees accomplishments must be forwarded through the chain of command to the Equal Employment Opportunity (civilian nominations) or to the Equal Opportunity Office (military nominations) by March 2. For information, contact Rosa Yasmin at 738-4475, or at rosay@korea.army.mil.

Finance Offices to Offer Limited Service

March 7 – 10 the 176th Finance Battalion offices in areas II through IV will have limited services due to a battalion field training exercise. Customers requiring immediate action can visit the field site at the directions posted in the garrison finance offices. Only limited personnel will be available in the finance offices to provide contact information for the detachments in the field.

Quartermaster Leaders to Brief Soldiers

The U.S. Army's top quartermaster warrant officer, Chief Warrant Officer Michael Toter, and proponent sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Joseph W. Brundy, will brief combat service support Soldiers in areas I-IV during a visit to the Korean peninsula, Sunday thru Wednesday. All CSS Soldiers are invited to attend briefings scheduled as follows:

Area I, 9 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday at the Camp Casey Theater, Building T-1817. For information, call 732-8473;

Area II, 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday at Harvey's Lounge, next to 1st Replacement, Yongsan Garrison. For information, call 723-4435;

Area III, 9 to noon, Wednesday at Camp Humphrey's Main Post Gymnasium. For information, call 753-6013;

Area IV, 10 a.m. to noon, Monday at the Camp Carroll CAC, Building S110. For information, call 765-4058;

Area IV, 2 to 4 p.m., Monday at the Camp Henry Theater, Building 1835. For information, call 765-4058.

Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for the Good Neighbor English Camp 2006.

The English camp is for Korean 10th-grade students from the Pyeongtaek, Daegu and Seoul areas. Our young Korean visitors will be immersed in an English-speaking environment as they visit and interact with Americans during the five-day program held April 4-8.

To volunteer as a host family, contact the USFK Public Affairs Office at 723-4673/4661 or e-mail Capt. Yosup Shim (shimyo@korea.army.mil). Deadline for host family volunteer registration is March 21.

CFAC opens renovated youth center

By Navy Journalist 1st Class David McKee

Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae Public Affairs

CHINHAЕ – Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae opened the newly renovated Youth Center Feb. 15 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The two-year project includes added storage space, a teen center and a kitchen for home economic and cooking classes for students of the base school.

"I believe this is a huge improvement for the military community in CFAC," said Wisecup. "This will go a long way to improving the morale of military families in the area and brighten the day of many children."

For CFAC Chief Staff Officer Cmdr. Brett Foster, the youth center also "further Chinhae's reputation as the 'Pearl of the Peninsula' and helps make Korea an assignment of choice," said Foster.

The CFAC First Class Petty Officer's Association donated books to the project.

CFAC, home to approximately 100



NAVY JOURNALIST 1ST CLASS DAVID MCKEE

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Korea Rear Adm. James P. Wisecup, Commander, Fleet Activities Chinhae Cmdr. Randall Martin, student Cassandra Booker, daughter of Master-at-Arms Petty First Class Steven Booker, Youth Center Director Terra Bleicher and MWR representative Jin Chiyong cut the ribbon.

military personnel, is approximately 250 miles south of Seoul and provides support for ships, personnel and other

activities of the U.S. Pacific Fleet as well as mobilization and contingency training for reserve components.

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Association.

"The annual award is 'a Best In The Industry' rating for providing the highest level and quality of service to residents on Naval installations," said Choe. "All military personnel and civilians working at housing field offices in the world participate in this event."

"The coveted National Real Estate Awards are considered to be one of the most sought after recognition programs within the real estate industry," said Foster. "Any real estate organization or individual property that truly wants to be judged the best must become a participant in the National

Real Estate Awards."

Seaman Diego Gonzalez, a supply clerk who lives in one of the base's 50 units with his wife, is impressed by his accommodations.

"They have good customer service. Whenever somebody checks into a family house, they take care of the house by cleaning it and replacing furniture. If it is bad, they do everything possible to make you feel like home," said Gonzalez.

CFAC, located on the southeastern coast of the peninsula, is the only U.S. Navy installation in Korea.

Bringing foreign spouse to United States, Pt. 2

By Sita M. Farrell

U.S. Embassy, Seoul

(This is the second installment in a two-part series of articles dedicated to bringing a foreign citizen spouse and stepchildren to the United States.)

Last week's article focused on filing the immigrant petition (I-130). Foreigners who are intending immigrants must have I-130s approved by the Department of Homeland Security before they can seek entry visas for the United States. This week's article will discuss how your foreign relative, the beneficiary, can apply for the second step in relocating to the United States, the immigrant visa.

The 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, makes the Department of State responsible for visa processing at U.S. embassies overseas. At an embassy, DOS is the "host command," and the ambassador, regardless of his or her background, is both a DOS employee and the president's personal representative to the host government. DOS foreign service officers and local staff form

an embassy's political, economic, management, public affairs and consular sections. Civil, foreign and uniformed service personnel of other USG agencies form other parts of an embassy.

Most embassy staff are locally hired, host-nation citizens. An embassy's consular section consists of units for American citizen services and for foreigners who seek visas to enter the United States. Most consular staff members at U.S. Embassy, Seoul are locally hired Koreans who are well-versed in immigration law. We urge all consular customers to respectfully follow their guidance.

After DHS approves your beneficiary's I-130, DHS passes it to the DOS consular section where the beneficiary will apply for an immigrant visa (IV). If your beneficiary is in Korea, Seoul's DOS immigrant visa unit receives the approved I-130 from DHS and enters it into DOS' database. *Tip: No approved I-130, no visa processing, so don't delay filing the I-130.* At this point, DOS e-mails or mails IV instructions to the beneficiary

(not the petitioner).

The responsibility for applying and qualifying for the IV rests solely on the beneficiary. Both DHS and DOS carry out regulatory roles. However, DOS has neither the legal authority nor the resources to see that beneficiaries qualify for visas. Processing over 2,000 new visa applications of all types each work day means that we are not able to offer personalized telephone or Internet guidance to individual IV applicants. Therefore, we spend a great deal of time updating our Web site (<http://seoul.usembassy.gov/www/hiv.html>) to make sure that you can find important information on the IV process. Obtaining an immigrant visa is a straightforward process and well over 95 percent of applicants in Seoul are qualified.

After DOS receives an approved I-130 from DHS, DOS starts internal clearances and processing. Most of this administrative processing and customer service is behind-the-scenes

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MNF-I: Violence in Iraq not civil war

Army News Service

BAGHDAD — “There have been pockets of violence, but we don’t see that as a precursor to civil war,” said Multi-National Force-Iraq Spokesman Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch Feb. 25 in Baghdad

Lynch said this during a press conference Saturday aimed at correcting erroneous reports.

Lynch addressed the number of attacks since the bombing of the Golden Mosque in Samarra. He particularly called attention to the numbers of attacks, comparing rumors and media reports presenting inflated numbers, to those numbers gathered by Iraqi and coalition assets.

Lynch said reports coming out of the National Joint Operations Center over the past three days reflected 51 mosque attacks, with 23 having significant damage. Through use of troop observations

“There have been pockets of violence but we don’t see that as a precursor to civil war.”

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, MNF-I spokesman

and Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, MNF-I and ISF looked at those mosques to verify the reports. The results showed only 22 mosques had been attacked, with six sustaining significant damage.

“There were reports of 23 mosques having significant damage, and that’s not what we’ve seen.”

Iraq religious and political leaders’ call for calm and strong leadership by the Iraqi Prime Minister have been key in keeping Iraqis focused on a peaceful path.

Lynch said the Samarra attack was perpetrated by terrorists who were “continuing to try to derail the Democratic process and discredit the Iraqi government.”

Over the last three days, despite constant hand wringing by the international media, Iraq has not experienced civil war. “We believe that there has not been widespread sectarian violence because of the capable Iraqi government, because of calls by religious and political leaders for calm and because of the capable Iraqi security force and coalition forces conducting security missions across Iraq .”

“Let me be clear: there have been pockets of violence but we don’t see that as a precursor to civil war”.

Lynch conceded an increase in the

number of civilian murders since as a result of the bombing of Samara, but stressed even here the reports had been inflated.

“There were reports of over 200 murders. We can confirm 119. Clearly that is an increase in numbers of murders.

Another terrorist tactic is to inflame reports. They rely on the tendency to inflate the number of attacks and exaggerate their damage, and these exaggerations in turn get picked up by the media and are disseminated to the Iraqi people, who then believe the violence is more widespread than it really is.

“We’ve seen 45 demonstrations across Iraq, 32 inside of Baghdad . Of those 32 demonstrations inside of Baghdad only one was violent. The other 31 were peaceful.”

Lynch also praised a capable Iraqi government and the Iraqi prime minister for his strong leadership.

The Iraqi Army became a little more capable with the recent graduation of 83 new Jundis (privates) who have now joined the 9th Iraqi Army Division following a ceremony at the Taji Training Center.

“I order you, brave sons of the great Iraq, to strike with an iron fist anyone who would disturb the security of your country,” said Iraqi Capt. Hamed Baker, the assistant commander of the Taji Training Center . “You are to be the shield against terrorists. Congratulations for this. Your honor will be mentioned in your history for many years to come.”

“Almost all of the training was conducted by the Iraqi Army instructors,” explained Staff Sgt. Michael Munoz, the operations sergeant for the basic training academy. “Soon the academy will be turned over completely to the Iraqi Army.

Acting on a tip from an Iraqi citizen, a team from Multi-National Division–Baghdad’s 53rd Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company stopped a potential threat Feb. 24 by finding and disposing of an MK-84 bomb near a mosque south of Al Hillah.

Due to the bomb’s location near the religious shrine, the team had no other choice than to burn the bomb in place as a last resort, which it was able to do without any damage to the mosque, Iraqi citizens or MND – B Soldiers.

(Editor’s note: Information provided by Multi-National Force-Iraq.)

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Singapore, to complete joint-warfare training with its Singapore Air Force counterparts during Operation Commando Sling.

The unit also integrated F-117 Nighthawk stealth fighters and Airmen from the 8th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron, based out of Holloman AFB, N.M., during their four-month Air Expeditionary Force rotation here.

Ferro added the award wouldn’t have been possible if not for the efforts

of Kunsan’s entire maintenance and operations community.

“Of course, this award would not have been possible without the teamwork and support of our sister squadrons; the 8th MXS ‘Dragons’ and the 8th MOS ‘Knights’,” he said. “I would also like to thank the 35th and 80th Fighter Squadrons for their teamwork as well as the great support provided by the rest of the Wolf Pack ... you all rock!”

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Chaplains in Area I wear many hats

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Division Public Affairs

CAMP RED CLOUD — Many Soldiers and civilians alike have pretty good ideas about what U.S. Army chaplains do during times of formal worship. Less comprehensive, however, might be a general understanding and recognition of the many-faceted services chaplains provide beyond the sanctuary and the pulpit.

There are 23 U.S. Army chaplains and one Korea Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier chaplain, 35 assistants — approximately half of that number KATUSAs.

This team of Soldiers, chaplains and assistants is committed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to meet fellow Soldiers and civilians' spiritual needs; however, whenever and wherever they might occur.

"Counseling is among the chaplain services most often sought by Soldiers," said Chaplain (Maj.) Andrew Choi, 2nd Infantry Division deputy chaplain.

Choi emphasized that Soldier-chaplain counseling, like counseling in the civilian experience, is privileged and confidential. "Soldiers may rest assured one-on-one counseling sessions with a chaplain, save only for the most dire of situations, remain 100-percent confidential," he said. "Depending upon individual circumstances, the chaplain can and will give advice."

Many times, though, a chaplain may not need to offer advice as the result of a counseling session.



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Frederick, Fires Brigade, Camp Casey, provides one-on-one counseling to one of his parishioners.

It is not uncommon for a Soldier to say, "Chaplain, I just needed someone I could talk to."

The chaplains, as with other forms of an organization, benefit from an administrative structure that ensures chaplain-provided services most effectively accrue to the benefit of all Soldiers when and where they are needed. To this end, the division chaplain, in consultation with his chaplain staff, advises and consults with the 2nd Inf. Div. Commander, Maj. Gen. George Higgins, in regard to all Warrior Country Soldiers' religious life needs.

"Soldiers' religious life needs," Choi said, "may occur in the chapel, in the field or on the street. Chaplains are approachable

and always on hand to counsel Soldiers and their family members as they deal and struggle with spiritual, moral, ethical, personal and private questions and issues."

Chaplains, he related, offer such services in varied venues to include retreats, coffee house settings and prayer groups. Retreats are for the most part well received because they can be tailored to address specific needs of a precise group at a specific time. Recent retreat emphases have addressed character and moral development, marriage and family issues, women's issues, and values clarification.

According to Choi, chaplains remain particularly dedicated to building and maintaining strong and

ready families. "Strong and ready families" is, in fact, the name of a specific Army program; one offered in recognition of the importance of family in American life. Chaplain support for the family unit is welcome among Warrior Country Soldiers in particular, who often find themselves far removed by duty from family, friends and loved ones.

Given the social and cultural diversity that characterizes the Army, there is a recognized need within the Chaplain Corps to identify and meet spiritual needs of Soldiers who adhere to many and varied religious persuasions. In the event the Chaplain Corps, given its makeup at any given time, is not specifically equipped to meet individual Soldier's or Soldier groups' religious needs, Army chaplains proactively seek to have individual needs fully addressed and met. Integral to meeting specific religious needs process; an Army chaplain remains closely affiliated with the person or group to ensure unique religious needs, irrespective of persuasion, is being fully addressed.

"Pro Deo Et Patria," "For God and Country," is the Chaplain Corps motto. This clear commitment of the Chaplain Corps, guided by the Corps' own creed, is that 2nd Inf. Div. and Area I Soldiers in particular, and Soldiers everywhere, have a real opportunity and the support as they strive to serve both their God and their country to the fullest.

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Military ID dates back to Civil War

Pick up your dog tags, put 'em in your shirt

By Pfc. Lee Yoon Joo

Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

As a Soldier, many military supplies are issued, including two chains (one long, one short) with two small aluminum pieces hanging on it that Soldiers call dog tags.

This small piece of equipment is so common to Soldiers that not many pay much attention to it.

However, the dog tag, officially known as Identification Tag, not only plays the vital role of identifying each Soldier on the battlefield, but has become an enduring part of military history, having been with the military for more than a century.

The idea of dog tags first took shape during the Civil War. In 1863, prior to the battle of Mine's Run in northern Virginia, Gen. George Meade's troops wrote their names and unit designations on paper tags and pinned them to their clothing. Some troops carved their own tag out of pieces of wood, bored a hole in one end and wore it around their

neck on a string.

The first official mention of the tag in the combat field kit was advocated by Chaplain Charles C. Pierce, who was tasked to establish the Quartermaster Office of Identification in the Philippines, in 1899.

In 1913, an Army regulation made the tags mandatory and, by 1917, all combat Soldiers wore aluminum discs on chains around their neck.

The more familiar rounded-end rectangular stainless steel tags, known as the M1940, were introduced in 1940, during World War II. However, it was not until 1943 that the Army distributed the sets of tags including one long chain, one short chain and two stainless steel tags, that Soldiers still wear today.

According to "A Short History of Identification Tags," written by Capt. Richard W. Wooley, the Department of the Army has developed and is currently testing a new tag, which will be capable

to hold 80 percent of a Soldier's medical and dental data on a microchip. Known as the Individually Carried Record, it is not intended to replace the present tag, but rather to augment it as part of the "paperless battlefield" concept.

This development is to keep up with the Army's dedication to positively identify each and every fallen Soldier.

The dog tag has been with Soldiers for a long time and has played a major role in identifying servicemembers who have died in the line of duty. According to Wooley's book, in recent years, a near perfect record of identifying the fallen Soldiers has been achieved.

Today, too many military personnel, especially those who are stationed in a garrison environment, forget how important these tags are. So, take the tags out of your dresser and put them around your neck. Wearing your ID tag is one of the easiest actions to execute to be "ready to fight tonight."

NEWS & NOTES

DFAC Emergency Contact

In the event of an Area I Dining Facility emergency; contact the Food Program Manager's Office at 732-6271.

Youth Bowling

If any children 6 to 18 years old would like to bowl at 11 a.m. Saturday mornings at the Camp Red Cloud Bowling Lanes, contact Lt. Col. Mark Johnson at 732-8815.

Nanta Theater Trip

A Nanta Theater trip is scheduled for March 11 from the Area I community activity centers. Transportation departs from Camp Casey's CAC at 11 a.m., Camp Red Cloud at noon and Camp Stanley at 12:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras Party

A Mardi Gras party and 5K race is set for Saturday at Camp Casey Primo's.

Osan Shopping Trip

An Osan shopping trip is set for Saturday, with transportation leaving at 7 a.m. from the Camp Casey Community Activity Center; 7:20 a.m., Camp Hovey; 8 a.m., Camp Red Cloud; and 8:30 from Camp Stanley.

Tobacco Cessation Classes

A tobacco cessation class will be offered 10 a.m. – noon, March 7, at the Camp Red Cloud Troop Medical Clinic; 9 – 11 a.m., March 10, Camp Casey TMC; 10 a.m. – noon, March 14, Camp Red Cloud TMC; 9 – 11 a.m., March 17, Camp Casey TMC; 10 a.m. – noon, March 21, Camp Red Cloud TMC; 9 – 11 a.m., March 24, Camp Casey TMC; 10 a.m. – noon, March 28, Camp Red Cloud TMC; and 9-11 a.m., March 31, Camp Casey TMC.

Spiritual Fitness Retreat

A spiritual fitness retreat will be held March 20-22 at the retreat center. "Leadership from a biblical perspective" is the theme. For information, call Chaplain (Maj.) Mark Awdykowzy at 732-6169. Transportation to the retreat departs Camp Casey at 6:30 a.m. and CRC at 7:45 a.m.

Women's History Month Round Table

A Women's History Month round table will be 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. March 23 at the Gateway on Camp Casey. Program begins with the opening of the WHM event followed by guest speaker, dinner and discussion. This year's theme is "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams." Event will showcase the prominent women that are the driving force in the community of Uijeongbu and CRC enclave.

KATUSA Friendship Week

KATUSA Friendship Week will be April 24-28. For information on related activities, contact individual unit representatives.

302nd DFAC host Black History celebration

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Division Public Affairs

CAMP CASEY – About 100 2nd Infantry Division and Area I Soldiers and civilians packed the 302nd Brigade Support Battalion dining facility Feb. 23 to celebrate Black History Month.

Across the U.S. Army this month, similar observances touched on the 2006 theme, "Celebrating community: A tribute to black fraternal, social and civic institutions."

"This year's theme explores the impact that black fraternal, social and civic organizations have had on an evolution of African-American life and history," said Area I Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Lomax, keynote speaker for the luncheon event.

The history of the Black Masonry is traced back to the Egyptian and Ethiopian dynasties under the existence of Adam to Noah to Solomon. It says that King Solomon assembled men of all nations and races to build a magnificent temple in Jerusalem.

Once the temple was completed, these skilled men were scattered around the world to teach others, and over time these men became known as Masons, hence Freemasons.

"The Freemasons, along with 107 other black organizations in the U.S. are dedicated to serving the black communities," Lomax said. "These organizations were founded as a source



Area I Command Sgt. Maj. Yolanda Lomax speaks to 100 Soldiers gathered to celebrate the Feb. 23 Black History Month celebration at the 302nd BSB dining facility.

of spiritual support and healing, educational developmental, humanitarian assistance, and social and civic support."

Furthermore, for 36 years, the National Black Child Development Institute has been in existence. Its mission is to improve child welfare services, make universal early care and educational reality, build family support services, press for educational reform, and provide vital information on children's health.

"Children are our future, and if we

don't protect them the future of this nation is in jeopardy," Lomax said. "This institute is dedicated to giving every child a chance."

In addition, the Congress of National Black Churches was founded in 1978. It is a coalition of eight major historically black denominations representing 65,000 churches and a membership of more than 20 million people.

"CNBC collaborates with ministries to promote justice, wholeness and fulfillment, to affirm the moral and spiritual values of faith, and to assess the aspirations of the African-American community, and address the problem that face it," Lomax said.

"CNBC promotes racial dialogue and works to bring different racial groups together through its programs, especially its church-rebuilding programs where some 40 percent of the volunteers are white."

While the black church has served as a rock in a weary land, African-American fraternal, social and civic organizations also have aided the community in its efforts to "draw sweet honey from the rock of the African-American experience," she said.

In the past few weeks, there have been numerous churches in Alabama destroyed by fire. "One thing this person or these people fail to realize is that they can destroy the building, but they cannot destroy the foundation it was built upon," Lomax said.

She said it is important to remember the accomplishments of blacks during Black History Month because it does more than remind the black community what has been done. It also allows these accomplishments to be seen and heard by the rest of the country.

"The world is full of givers and takers, and the greatest gift one person can offer another is the gift of giving," Lomax said. "You do not have to belong to an organization to give — giving comes from the heart, and taking comes from the joy you receive when you give."

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PHOTOS BY MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

A packed room of Soldiers sing the Army song at the end of the Black History month observance Feb. 23 at the Camp Casey 302nd BSB dining facility.



MARGARET BANISH-DONALDSON

Vice Governor Visit

Col. Forrest Newton, Area I commander, and Kil Kwang-Chun, community relations director and translator, (second from left) gives an overall Area I briefing at Camp Red Cloud Feb. 22 to the newly appointed Vice-Governor of Gyeonggi Province, Kwon Doo-hyun (center) and his staff: (From center) Roh Sung-chul, director general bureau of planning and budget; Lee Chun-bae, chief of planning and budget; Kim Young-tae, team leader of civil and military relations; Hong Won-Pyo, action officer of civil and military relations and Bae Jin-eui, translator, civil and military relations.



COURTESY PHOTO

A monument recognizing the French military's contributions to the Battle of Chipyong-ni is unveiled Feb. 15. A second monument highlighting Second Infantry Division's contributions was also unveiled at the ceremony.

Chipyong-ni memorial celebrates 2ID, French contributions

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Second Infantry Division Public Affairs

CHIPYONG-NI -- Veterans, citizens and Soldiers came together to celebrate friendship, patriotism and honor Feb. 15 on a hill where United Nations forces held back a Chinese advance 55 years ago during the Korean War.

The reflection of lives lost during this memorial was different from past ceremonies as two large stones, identifying the contributions of the Second Infantry Division and a French battalion, were unveiled and laid to rest alongside the original ROK 5th Infantry Division monument that had stood alone since July 15, 1957.

This marks a new trend, as Korean War memorials that once only recognized ROK sacrifices at major battles, will now recognize contributions made by each country that fought in battles for a free and democratic South Korea.

Feb. 13-15, 1951, the ROK 5th Inf. Div., the 23rd Regimental Combat Team of 2ID and a French battalion fought deadly hand-to-hand battles against the more than 25,000 Communist Chinese Forces and defended their position.

The Battle of Chipyong-ni was pivotal in the Korean War because it was the Chinese's first tactical defeat since they entered the war the previous year in 1950. It also gave U.N. Forces confidence that the seemingly unstoppable nightly human wave attacks by the Chinese could be repelled.

A 1990 Korean after action report pertaining to the battle states, "An all-out Chinese offensive had been broken with their withdrawal from the crossroads village, which was a keystone of Eighth Army's central front. This signaled a pullback all along the Chinese line of advancement southward. If Chipyong-ni had fallen, the entire U. N. Command front would have been severely endangered. General Mathew Ridgeway regarded the defense of Chipyong-ni as the turning point in the Eighth Army's revitalization."

The effects of this battle witnessed the U.S. Army advance northward recapturing Seoul and eventually settling near the 38th parallel home of the present day demilitarized zone.

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FY06 Major ACC Promotion Selection Board meets April 11

Special to The Morning Calm Weekly

Attention captains: The FY06 Major Army Competitive Category Promotion Selection Board will convene April 11. All captains with an Active Duty Date of Rank between April 1, 2001, and March 31, 2002, will compete below the promotion zone. All captains with an ADOR between June 2, 2000, and March 31, 2001, will compete in the promotion zone. Those officers with an ADOR of June 1, 2000, and earlier will compete above the zone.

Officers with an approved separation date within 90 days of the convene date of the board (separation date through July 10, 2006) are not eligible for consideration.

In order to be eligible for consideration by the board, all mandatory or optional Officer Evaluation Reports must be received, error-free, in the Evaluation Reports Branch, no later than March 31, 2006. The "thru date" for Complete-the-record Reports is Dec. 31, 2005.

All eligible captains are encouraged to review their photo and/or submit a new one if required, No later than April 11.

The board will offer the capability of "My Board File." By going to <https://www.hrc.army.mil>, users can view their OMPF, digital photo and ORB. Eligible officers are authorized to access "My Board File" through April 7.

For additional guidance, officers can visit their unit S1 or servicing Personnel Services Brigade. MILPER Message Number 06-050, FY06 Major Army Competitive Category Zones of Consideration, can be accessed by logging on to www.hrc.army.mil, clicking HRC Alexandria and selecting MILPER Messages.

AER campaign gets under way in Area I

By Margaret Banish-Donaldson

Area I Division Public Affairs

CAMPRED CLOUD – The Army Emergency Relief annual fund-raising campaign begins March 15.

The campaign, which runs through May 15, is an opportunity for Soldiers to give back to the community, said John Coachman, Area I AER officer.

"During the year, AER provides relief when Soldiers need it. If Soldiers continue to contribute, then AER will be around for many years to continue helping them," Coachman said.

The Army Emergency Relief was created in 1942 by the secretary of war and the Army chief of staff to

provide emergency relief to Soldiers and their families, according to Coachman. AER provides assistance through grants and interest-free loans.

Because it is a private, nonprofit organization, AER does not receive any of its funds from the government. That is why it's so important for Soldiers to donate, Coachman said.

"If we didn't have our campaign, our funds would be depleted," he said. "And, in order to keep our tax-exempt status, we need to maintain one-third of our income through donations."

To start the campaign, there will be a kickoff event beginning at 1:30

p.m. March 16 at the Warrior's Club in Camp Casey, said Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Layne, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Casey, and this year's campaign coordinator.

All 2nd Infantry Division and Area I unit representatives will attend to get their fund-raising materials and learn about the purpose of fund raising, he said. The representatives will be responsible for collecting donations within their units, he explained.

Layne believes the best way to get donations is one-on-one contact with each Soldier.

"The goal is to make 100 percent contact with each individual in your

unit," Layne said. "Once contact is made, hopefully those personnel will donate."

To aid in achieving this goal, banners and signs will be posted around Area I camps and commercials urging people to contribute will be aired on the commander's channel. Last year, 8th U.S. Army raised \$498,366.

Soldiers can donate in several ways. Their unit representatives will collect cash, checks and money orders during the campaign. Also, they will have allotment forms on hand for Soldiers who wish to set up monthly allotments to contribute.

Soldiers should contact their unit representatives for information. "I encourage all Soldiers to participate in this year's AER campaign," Layne said. "AER is for the Soldiers, and it should be supported by the Soldiers."

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Community rallies at Black History Month celebration

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — About 150 Area II community members rallied together Feb. 22 at the South Post Chapel to commemorate Black History Month.

"Some of you may have noticed I am not the typical African-American History Month speaker," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James King, Area II Support Activity.

King is a tall, thin Baptist preacher who happens to be white.

"I stand before you today as a visual representation," he said, "that the history we recognize today is both African-American history and American history, and of the necessity for us to collaborate together on the future that we share."

King drew on the theme, "Reaching out to Youth: A Strategy for Excellence through Black Role Models and Mentors."

His speech struck a chord with many people.

"Chaplain King is a dynamic speaker with a talent for simplifying complex subjects to where everyone can understand and relate," said Lt. Col. Duane Brown, a participant in the commemoration event.



DAVID McNALLY

Marine Maj. Hector Sheppard sings a solo, "Tell Me What More Can I Do?" during an Area II Black History Month commemoration ceremony.

Brown said King's points about celebrating black history as American history could not have been more appropriate.

The commemoration ceremony began with a poetry reading by Sheena Davis, a saxophone solo performance by Avery Fields and a vocal presentation by the "Men of Valor" choir of the South Post Chapel. Brown was a soloist in the choir.

"I hope everyone was entertained as

well as educated," Brown said. "I hope this is something everyone will want to attend again and bring several friends. Next year, I hope this event is so packed, there is standing room only."

King said the Army has been at the forefront of paving the way for all people to realize their dream.

"But our mission is not complete," he said. "We can extend Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard across town and make it a two-way avenue that allows

the free flow of people, ideas and values."

King encouraged the group to focus on mentoring and role-modeling to reach youth.

"More than anything else," he said, "our young people need access to people who care about them."

King said access to education and opportunity is vital, but relationships are the single most important influence in a young person's life.

"Every person in this room can play a vital role in the life of a young person," King told the crowd.

The celebration also included educational displays and a food sampling.

As the 18th Medical Command took the lead in organizing the community celebration, many people took part in medical screenings, like blood pressure and cholesterol tests, as well as sickle cell anemia tests and flu shots.

The 18th MEDCOM Equal Opportunity Noncommissioned Officer Sgt. 1st Class Toia Bray said she spent about six weeks putting the event together.

"We had about 20 people helping out to make this event a success," she said.

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Culinary arts winners offer delicious, dainty entrées

Korea-wide contest has Army chefs sharpening knives

By David McNally

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YONGSAN GARRISON — Eighth U.S. Army, Area II officials and crowds of supporters gathered Feb. 24 at the Three Kingdoms Inn Dining Facility to honor culinary arts competitors.

The contest offers Army food service professionals an opportunity to shine by highlighting individual knowledge of world-class food preparation.



Chief Warrant Officer
Travis Smith

Judges from three five-star Seoul hotels said the young Army chefs have potential.

"The military has limited exposure and experience in this field ... there is a different crowd you cater to," said Herbert J. Klinkhammer, Imperial Palace Hotel culinary advisor. "These are 11 people out of maybe 200 or 300

cooks. They are quite something."

With menus like "Florence Lobster Rissoto wrapped in Zucchini with Tomato Basil Sauce," "Sesame Crusted Pork Balls with Coconut Cream Sauce" and "Quinoa Stuffed Zucchini and Seasoned Butternut Squash with Pumpkin Seed Sauce," 11 Soldiers prepared exotic foods more likely to be seen at swanky



Food service professionals line up for Korea-wide recognition Feb. 24 at the Three Kingdoms Inn Dining Facility

Fifth Avenue eateries than U.S. Army dining facilities.

The judges said these competitions make better chefs. "It's a growing, learning experience," said Remo Berdux, Ritz-Carlton Seoul executive chef. "Every time you enter a competition, you tend to hold yourself to a higher standard. These guys are only going to get better."

The Soldiers now move on to the next level, as they travel to Fort Lee, Va., to compete in the Army-wide contest. That competition started Thursday and will run until March 17.

Chief Warrant Officer Travis Smith is the 8th U.S. Army team leader.

"The program has advanced considerably in recent years," Smith said. "The combination of nutrition awareness, management techniques and hands-on training puts Army food service on the cutting edge."

Smith said the bar was set high by last year's team.



PHOTOS BY DAVID McNALLY

Army chefs prepare a table of gourmet foods from exotic recipes for the 8th U.S. Army Culinary Arts competition.

"In 2005, the U.S. Army Korea Culinary Arts Team set a world record by winning the Installation of the Year award by a 20-point margin," he said. "The team won medals in every category ... including gold medals in the field event and pastry."

Smith said last year's team also received the judges' special award for the most artistic table display in the

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Korea Telecom Upgrade

Korea Telecom is upgrading Internet service on Yongsan Garrison to provide faster connections and will be contacting customers to replace modems in quarters. Residents who have not yet been contacted may call (02) 3785-0491. To schedule modem replacement, call (02) 725-7396 or 010-2669-8004.

Quartermaster Briefings

Area II Combat Service Support Soldiers are invited to attend briefings by the U.S. Army's top quartermaster warrant officer, Chief Warrant Officer Michael Toter, and proponent Sgt. Maj. Joseph Brundy, 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Harvey's Lounge. For information, call 723-4435.

AFTB Class

An Army Family Team Building Level 1 class will be held 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at the Community Service Building on Yongsan South Post. The course is an introduction to military life and is also informative to anyone who wants to expand their knowledge of the Army. For information, call 738-3617.

Ash Wednesday Services

Stations of the Cross will be conducted at Memorial Chapel 5 p.m. Fridays through April 7. For information, call 738-3011.

Children's Theater

Kindergarten thru 12th-grade students may audition 3-5 p.m. Monday at the Seoul American Elementary School Gymnasium for parts in the Missoula Children's Theatre production of "Beauty Lou and the Country Beast." No advance preparation is necessary. For information, call 738-5556.

Talent Wanted

Singers, dancers, poetry readers and others interested in participating in skits are needed for the March 28 Area II Women's History Month Observance. If interested, call 738-5531.

June Jamboree Volunteers

As many as 200 volunteers are needed for registration, swimming, bowling, barbecue and fun-and-game activities during the Army Community Service June 2 event. For information, call 738-5311.

Writer Wanted

The Area II Public Affairs Office has an opening for a volunteer writer to cover local news and features during the week. Though journalism experience is preferred, writing and photography training is available. For information, call 738-7354.

Baby sitters Available

Need a baby sitter? Child and Youth Services can provide a baby sitter referral list. All baby sitters are certified. For information, call 738-5556.

Case Worker Needed

The American Red Cross Yongsan office is looking for a part-time, after-hours case worker. Interested U.S. citizens may apply for this paid position. For information, call 738-3670.

On the Web

For more News & Notes, visit the Area II Web site at <http://area2.korea.army.mil> and click on "News & Notes."

School library offers daily adventures

Books, computers dominate centrally located Seoul Elementary School Library

By David McNally

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — For the more than 1,200 Seoul American Elementary School students, the library is much more than mountains of books hiding adventure and intrigue.

Besides the nearly 20,000 volumes of children's fiction and nonfiction books, the spacious facility offers computer lab classes, multimedia CDs, videos and magazines. The library even has a small theater stage for student productions.

"We have great facilities," said Vicki Viallo, Seoul American Elementary School librarian. "We're in the middle of everything."

The library is more or less the heart of SAES. Seven "pods," or learning areas equal to about 21 classrooms, surround the library. In many schools the library is at the end of a hallway, but for SAES students, the library is unavoidable.

"People are going through constantly," Viallo said. "You can't buy 'PR' like this because everybody's passing through."

Sometimes it can get loud, but the staff isn't always shushing the students.

"You can't do quiet things, but I think it's a trade-off that's worth it," Viallo said.

Viallo said a big part of her job is to get kids excited about reading.

"It's a love of reading, and that's what I'm trying to spread as much as possible," she said. "I try to really push books, because I love books."

Viallo said she makes a point to show students her favorite authors and titles. She even reads chapters from books she thinks students will like.

"Then they go check out the book," she said.

"In our class we have this thing called the 'reading log'," said 5th-grader Steven Griffin, 11. "We have to read one book throughout the whole week and we have to write a mini-summary of it."

The school features reading programs, like "Catch a Dragon by the Tale." The program was designed to get students to read for 1,000 minutes.

"We had over 500 kids finish," Viallo said. "They got a free book donated by the Parent-Teacher Organization."

The books were emblazoned with a golden seal from the



DAVID McNALLY

Librarian Vicki Viallo advises 5th-grader Richard Buck about book choices Feb. 15 at the Seoul American Elementary School Library.

Area II commander along with encouraging remarks.

As one program ended, another began. The library sponsored a Dr. Seuss celebration Thursday.

There was a party for the legendary Dr. Seuss' birthday with guest readers and trivia contests. Viallo dressed as the "Cat in the Hat."

The library of the 21st century differs from the past because of the computer Viallo said.

"We use the computer a lot," she said.

Everywhere children turn in the library, a computer is within sight. For 5th-grader Richard Buck, 10, it's what

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Meeting provides team-building opportunities

Quarterly BOSS training brings leaders together

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representatives from across the peninsula crowded into the Moyer Community Theater Feb. 22 for a host of informative programs to help them to do their jobs.

"We try to hold these quarterly meetings to bring all the Soldiers and leaders together for a common purpose," said Robert Lattanzi, Installation Management Agency, Korea Region Office BOSS program manager. "It's a great training opportunity."

Lattanzi highlighted the three main BOSS concerns:

■ Quality of life

■ Community service

■ Recreation

The group is constantly improving to meet Soldiers' needs, Lattanzi said.

Yongsan BOSS Vice President Pfc. Joshua Present said the training was especially valuable to newcomers like him, but the greatest advantage was the opportunity for networking.

"The lady sitting in front of me was another BOSS advisor who worked in a motor pool," Present said. "It can be very difficult to balance your time at work with what you need to do for BOSS."

Present said his contact with her may give him good ideas and advice to stay on top of things.

"For some of these advisors, this might be the only opportunity they get to interact with other advisors," said Spc. Ken Loper, 8th U.S. Army BOSS advisor. "BOSS advisors love to piggy-back off one another's ideas."

There was also a question-and-answer session with two of Korea's top NCOS, 8th U.S. Army's Command Sgt. Maj. Barry Wheeler and Area IV's Command Sgt. Maj. Patricia Keit. At lunchtime, a pizza party at the bowling alley provided BOSS representatives with a team-building activity, as well as an opportunity to win a trophy for their unit.

The meeting was also an opportunity to bid farewell to Area II BOSS representative Spc. Daneille Colson.

The incoming Area II BOSS representative, Sgt. Yvette Hamilton, said she hopes to continue the excellent program already laid out for her.

"I especially want to focus on getting the chain of command involved in events, so they can inform the Soldiers," she said. "The programs we put on are only as good as the people we've got attending them."

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Country musicians get enthusiastic welcome



PHOTOS BY SGT. SEO KI-CHUL
Lead guitarist Jimmy Olander strums a banjo during a Diamond Rio concert Feb. 21 at Collier Field House.

Yongsan crowds find gems at Diamond Rio concert

By Sgt. Seo Ki-chul
Area II Public Affairs

YONGSAN GARRISON — Country music sensation Diamond Rio got about 1,000 Area II community members dancing Feb. 21 at the Collier Field House.

“It is an extreme honor to be able to play for our servicemembers,” said drummer Brian Prout. “This kind of tour reminds us there are lots of people doing a great job far from home.”

Diamond Rio has won six “Academy of Country Music and the Country Music



A large crowd of people dances to country tunes. About 1,000 Area II community members attended the Diamond Rio concert.

Association Vocal Group of the Year” awards. They also have 25 Top Ten country hits, 15 top five singles and over \$10 million in record sales. Diamond Rio hit songs include “Meet in the Middle” and “Beautiful Mess.”

“Our music is based on realistic values such as love and family,” said lead guitarist Jimmy Olander. “We hope all of you get a small touch of home.”

Olander said it was pretty cool to see servicemembers, civilians and their families in cowboy hats singing their favorite country songs.

Diamond Rio tested out several songs from their upcoming album on the audience, including “Red Neck Love Gone Bad,” “Can’t You Tell” and “In God We Still Trust.”

“[Red Neck Love] reminds me of the girl I met when I was a college student,” said lead vocalist Marty Roe. “It reflects how I felt when I broke-up with her pretty well. I believe many of you also have had a similar experience.”

By the end of the concert, many audience members started line-dancing to the twangy tunes. The group retired backstage before lining up to sign hundreds of autographs for their fans.

Spc. Christopher Jordon, Co. B, 16th Medical Logistics Battalion, said this was the most fantastic show he had seen in the military.

“I’ve been a big fan of the group for years,” Jordan said. “I came from the south where the country music is the most popular and there were lots of songs that took me home.”

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ACS gives leadership training

By Sgt. Christopher Selmek

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YONGSAN GARRISON — Ten people graduated from the Army Family Team Building level-two course, Feb. 17, after three days of classes about leadership and life in the military.

Army Community Service offers these classes several times a month as an opportunity for people to become community leaders, said Reta Mills, Area II Army Family Team Building coordinator. The true emphasis, she said, is on the team.

“Level one is an introduction to military life and a fabulous class for anyone who just wants to learn more about the military,” she said. “It’s good for active-duty military, military spouses or family members, and we give a lot of information that can be useful at any level.”

Graduates of level one proceed to level two, a three-part course containing 28 modules about leadership, meeting management, team building and other important subjects.

“We don’t get basic training the way active-duty servicemembers do,” said Diana Smith, a military spouse. “I wish I had taken this class at the very beginning, when I first

got married to the military.”

Level three is an advanced leadership course with even more instruction modules.

Graduates of all three levels may volunteer to teach modules from any course.

“The wonderful thing is that the course is entirely taught by volunteer instructors,” Mills said. “It really does empower them with knowledge and professionally develop them to become better leaders.”

For active-duty attendees there is another bonus. The graduation certificate can be worth promotion points.

“An e-mail went out through my squadron that if you were interested in improving your leadership skills you could attend this class,” said Air Force Staff Sgt. Kellie Troutman, Combined Forces Command. “I used to have horrible time management skills, but coming to this class has shown me a lot of good habits I can use now to do my job.”

The next level-one class will be held 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. March 10. The next level-three class 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. March 16, 17 and 24. For information, call 738-3617.

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competition, and first place in the culinary knowledge bowl.

He said he was confident in this year’s team.

“It takes a lot of preparation and a lot of planning,” he said.

All team members received an overall bronze medal and certificate of achievement. The more experienced and senior team members competed in the 8th U.S. Army “Chef of the Year” competition.

The title went to Spc. Jay Ruff, 25th Transportation Battalion.

Representing the 121st General Hospital, Sgt. Jason Pratt, a nutrition care specialist, also participated in the chef of the year competition and came away with a bronze medal.

Pratt said he has been in the Army

for eight years, and plans to join a culinary arts team at his next assignment.

“I was looking at food in magazines, and I thought I would never be able to do stuff like that,” Pratt said. “I actually surprised myself.”

Pratt’s commander had three Soldiers in the competition.

“They do a great job every day servicing our patients and our people,” said Col. Brian Allgood, 18th Medical Command commander. “It’s a great event for them to not only represent the organization, but it’s a chance to recognize personal accomplishments.”

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makes the library cool.

“I’m a computer freak,” Buck said.

Vitallo said even kindergartners learn about computers at the library. “We work really hard to help children love to read,”

he said. “You have to try to pass enthusiasm along. I think if you’re enthusiastic, then the kids will pick up on that.”

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Area II on the Web

This week read an exclusive Web story about:

■ Homeschooling students enjoy Geography Fair

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work performed by skilled Korean staff. The responsibility for gathering all required documents lies with the beneficiary.

These documents include:

- Medical exam. The U.S. Public Health Service authorizes five Korean hospitals (three in Seoul, two in Busan) to do this exam. It takes two days and costs 120,000 won for adults and 80,000 won for children under 15 years old.
- Vital records. Birth, adoption, divorce, marriage and death certificates are necessary, even if they were previously submitted with the I-130. Koreans can locate this information on their family census registers.
- Affidavit of Support (I-864). *Pay special attention to this step—it is commonly incomplete.* Be sure that the Petitioner, and Joint Sponsor in cases in which extra financial support is needed, fills out the I-864 document completely. The date this document is signed must match the date it is notarized, and the documents are valid for one year after they are signed. In addition to the affidavit, be sure to submit evidence of the petitioner’s ongoing income after the beneficiary’s arrival in the United States. Typically a Leave and Earnings statement demonstrates this continuing service. Also, be sure to include the last three years’ federal tax returns (Form 1040/A/EZ). *Tip: If you don’t have your last three years’ tax returns on hand, the petitioner must get a transcript from the IRS. W-2s alone absolutely cannot be substituted for tax returns. To obtain your taxes, refer to [**“Obtaining an immigrant visa is a straightforward process and well over 95 percent of applicants in Seoul are qualified.”**](http://www.irs.gov/faqs/faq-</i></div><div data-bbox=)*

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- Police clearances: clearances are required from each country in which the beneficiary lived for more than one year after age 16. See <http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm> for details.
- Translations: provide complete, accurate English translations of any foreign language documents.
- Fee receipt. The IV application fee of \$380 is normally paid on the day of the immigrant visa interview.
- Valid passport: passport must be valid for at least six months after the day of the interview.

After the beneficiary gathers the required documents, she/he may schedule an appointment online at www.asktheconsul.org/iv_appt.html. DOS generally makes IV appointments for U.S. citizens’ immediate relatives within one month of the beneficiary’s request.

If qualified, DOS will issue the immigrant visa on the following work day. DOS normally returns the passport and visa to the beneficiary by courier within a week unless the beneficiary uses an APO address or prefers to pick them up in person. An immigrant visa allows the bearer to seek entry into the United States within six months of the issuance.

How can you qualify the first time for an IV? Start the immigration process early, follow instructions carefully, and refer to the United States embassy’s Web site for guidance. As noted, the biggest source of initial refusals is the I-864: complete it accurately, and do not fail to attach evidence of continuing sustained income and the last three years’ tax returns, not just W-2s.

For assistance, consult the U.S. Embassy, Korea Web site.

Airmen reminded to turn off lights

By Master Sgt. Anthony Davis
Eighth Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Whether it’s turning down a thermostat or flipping off a light switch, airmen stationed at Kunsan Air Base and across Korea can take control in the battle against rising energy prices.

Pacific Air Forces is making its bases more responsible for their energy usage through a five-percent reduction in funds this year, according to Tom Byrne, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron resource efficiency manager.

“This will significantly reduce the money we have to put toward infrastructure,” Byrne said. “Wolf Pack members can do their part by just turning off lights and office equipment.”

By reducing energy consumption, airmen can help meet the requirements of Executive Order 13123, which requires a 35-percent reduction in energy usage in government facilities by 2010.

“You have to do your part where you live and work,” Byrne said. “The electricity on base isn’t free; it’s an expense that has to be budgeted for.”

Recent increases in fuel costs for heating have taken a large chunk out of that budget, according to Byrne. The base also sees an automatic five-percent increase in its annual electricity bill, “but with the increase in world-wide fuel prices, we can expect the cost of producing electricity to be passed along.

“You see and hear it in the news every day,” Byrne added. “We are trying to reduce our dependency on foreign oil, and one way to do that is through conservation.”

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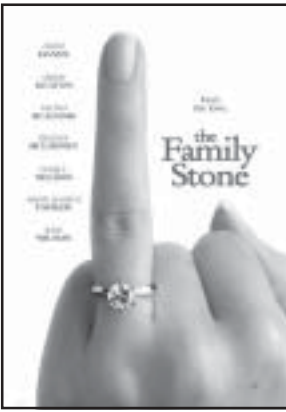
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HALEAH 763-3120	When a Stranger Calls PG-13	Ice Harvest R	The Family Stone PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
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KUNSAN 782-4987	Annapolis PG-13	Annapolis PG-13	Annapolis PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show	Munich R



Fun With Dick & Jane -- A wealthy couple loses their main source of income, causing both to turn to a life of crime—as they organize various heists on their rich friends' accounts.



Munich -- Set in the aftermath of the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, story follows a secret Israeli squad assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinians suspected to have planned the Munich attack—and the personal toll this mission of revenge takes on the team and the man who led it.



The Family Stone -- The Stones, a New England family, have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his parents, brothers and sisters. The bohemian Stones greet their visitor—a high-powered, controlling New Yorker—with a mix of awkwardness, confusion and hostility. Before the holiday is over, relationships will unravel while new ones are formed, secrets will be revealed, and the family Stone will come together through its extraordinary capacity for love.



Firewall -- Jack is a bank security expert, whose specialty is designing infallible theft-proof financial computer systems. But there's a hidden vulnerability in the system he didn't account for - himself. When a ruthless criminal mastermind kidnaps his family, Jack is forced to find a flaw in his system and steal \$100 million. With the lives of his wife and children at stake and under constant surveillance he has only hours to find a loophole in the thief's own impenetrable system of subterfuge and false identities to beat him at his own game.



The Ringer -- When Steve Barker finds himself running dead last in the corporate rat race, he sinks to an all time low—he attempts to rig the Special Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged. But, Barker is completely out-classed by his fellow Olympians, who are not only better athletes; they're just plain better people.



Freedomland -- A white woman blames an African-American man for the death of her son, but a white reporter and an African-American detective think otherwise.

AAFES THEATER	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
LONG 721-3407	Underworld: Evolution R	No Show	Aeon Flux PG-13	Just Friends PG-13	No Show	No Show	No Show
OSAN 784-4930	Freedomland R	Freedomland R	Freedomland R	Munich R	Munich R	The Ringer PG-13	The Ringer PG-13
RED CLOUD 732-6620	Firewall PG-13	Munich R	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 PG	Rumor Has It PG-13	Munich R	No Show	Freedomland R
STANLEY 732-5565	Munich R	Munich R	Fun With Dick & Jane PG-13	Fun With Dick & Jane PG-13	No Show	Freedomland R	The Ringer PG-13
YONGSAN I 738-7389	Freedomland R	Freedomland R	Cheaper by the Dozen 2 PG	The Ringer PG-13	The Ringer PG-13	Munich R	Munich R
YONGSAN II 738-7389	Fun With Dick & Jane PG-13	Fun With Dick & Jane PG-13	In the Mix PG-13	In the Mix PG-13	In the Mix PG-13	The Ringer PG-13	The Ringer PG-13
YONGSAN III 738-7389	The Family Stone PG-13	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	Yours, Mine & Ours PG	The Chronicles of Narnia PG	The Chronicles of Narnia PG	Just Friends PG-13	Just Friends PG-13

Perseverance key to success for ‘spiritual Olympians

By Chaplain (Capt.) Charles H. Lahmon
25th Transportation Battalion

Feb. 22, 1980, was perhaps the greatest day in U.S. sports history. The defeat of the powerful U.S.S.R. “Red Machine” Hockey Team at the Lake Placid Olympics by the young underdog “Red, White, and Blue” Americans has left a permanent mark on American history and will be forever sketched on my memory. For me, it was one of the most exciting triumphs that a 10-year-old boy could witness.

What made the U.S.A. Hockey Team so inspiring to watch was the team’s perseverance. Even after the pre-Olympic exhibition game against the Soviets, where the Americans lost 10-

3, the U.S. team pressed on, committed to not giving up.

Their perseverance continued to be seen as a last-minute goal by Bill Baker salvaged a 2-2 tie against Sweden. After Sweden, the team did not slow down but remained steadfast in their pursuit for the gold, achieving victories over Czechoslovakia, Norway, Romania, and skating to a 4-2 comeback win over Germany.

Then the “Miracle On Ice” happened as the U.S team defeated the until-then-undefeated U.S.S.R. team 4 to 3. As the Soviets mounted a final charge, broadcaster Al Michaels delivered the most famous call in American sport: “Eleven seconds. You got 10 seconds, the countdown going on right now. Five

seconds left in the game! Do you believe in miracles? Yes!”

The U.S. Olympic Team continued to persevere even after their amazing win against the Soviets. The 1980 team played their final game against a strong Finland team in their search for the gold. After two periods of play, Finland had built a 2-1 lead but once again the young Americans persevered.

In the final 20 minutes of play, Phil Verchota, Rob McClanahan and Mark Johnson all scored goals to seal the gold medal with a 4-2 win. In the words of Al Michaels, “This impossible dream comes true!”

The dream was realized because of the perseverance of a young underdog team. They endured in the face of the

world’s most fierce and skilled opponents.

Just as perseverance is what is needed in the Olympics so perseverance is what is needed in one’s spiritual walk with God. When one faces the ups and downs and twists and turns of life, one is tempted to either give up in despair or give in to the pressures of the world, compromising one’s faith and integrity.

God does not want his people to lose hope nor does he want them to compromise their faith but to persevere in the face of opposition, seeking to honor him in all of life. Those who persevere in the faith are rewarded something significantly greater than a gold medal; they are rewarded Eternal Life -- truly a dream come true.

Area II Worship Services

Catholic Mass	Sunday	8 a.m.	South Post Chapel
		11:30 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Tuesday	12:05 p.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
	Mon.-Wed.,		
	Thur.-Fri.	12:05p.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Saturday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Friday	6 p.m.	South Post Chapel
Jewish			
Protestant Services			
Episcopal	Sunday	10 a.m.	Memorial Chapel
United Pentecostal	Sunday	1:30 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
Church of Christ Church International			
	Sunday	2 p.m.	South Post Chapel
Collective	Sunday	8 a.m.	Memorial Chapel

9:30 a.m.	121 Hospital Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
(Korean)	
10:30 a.m.	K-16 Community Chapel
11 a.m.	Hannam Village Chapel
noon	South Post Chapel
(Gospel)	
Collective	Sunday
	10 a.m.
	South Post Chapel
	6 p.m.
	South Post Chapel
Korean	Thursday
KCFA	6:30 p.m.
	Memorial Chapel
	2nd Tues.
	11:45 a.m.
	Memorial Chapel
	3rd Tues.
	11:45 a.m.
	Memorial Chapel

Lutheran	Sunday	5 p.m.	Memorial Chapel
	Sunday	10 a.m.	Multipurpose
			Training Facility
Latter-Day Saints	For information on services, call 738-3011		

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TAS Lady Warriors capture
Far East Class A basketball title



Morrison Christian (Taiwan) Academy's Heather Craker attempts a shot, while Taegu American's Sarah Scott and her teammates converge.



Besides helping to get the home crowd ready for the game, the Taegu American School band played both the Korean and American national anthems before the start of the Far East Girls Class A Basketball Championship Game between the Taegu American School Lady Warriors and the Faith Academy (Philippines) Vanguard.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HOOVER

Taegu American's Tammara "Tank" Hancock drives past Faith defender Kim Sung-shil during title game action Feb. 24. For a full story on the tournament, see Page 25.



Above: Michelle Chandler, Taegu American's girl's basketball coach and athletic director, goes over some strategy with the Lady Warriors during halftime of their game with Morrison. Despite trailing briefly, Taegu defeated Morrison 44-40.



At Left: Taegu American's Tammara "Tank" Hancock eyes the basket as Heather Craker from Morrison Christian Academy tries to defend the shot.

Far Left: Once the buzzer sounded, Taegu American players, coaches and fans began to celebrate the school's first ever Far East Girls Class A Championship Feb. 24 at Kelly Gym on Camp Walker.



MWR Arts & Crafts Contest

The deadline to submit entries to the 8th U.S. Army Arts & Crafts Contest, hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation, is April 15. There will be a novice & experienced group for all categories: ceramics, wood, fibers & textiles, glass, metals & jewelry, drawings, prints, water base painting, oil base painting, mixed media - 2D, & mixed media - 3D. Submissions can be sent to the host, Yongsan Arts & Crafts Center, Bldg 4253 on South Post.

USO Seeks Operations Manager

USO is seeking a center operations manager for the Camp Humphreys USO. This is a full-time position with benefits. Responsibilities include the management and supervision of the Camp Humphreys USO day to day operations. Applicant must be detail oriented, reliable, self-motivated, and a team player. Applicant should have management experience in retail and/or tour operations. Strong skills in communication, word processing, spreadsheets and Internet applications essential. Ability to obtain a USFK drivers license needed.

Must be able to prioritize workload and work independently. Must have or possess the ability to acquire SOFA Status. Knowledge of the military community is a distinct advantage. BA in Business Administration/Management or equivalent experience desired.

Resumes may be e-mailed to dempseyG@korea.army.mil or usokorea22@kornet.net, faxed to 723-4106 or mailed to USO Korea, PSC 303, Box 53, APO AP 96204. Submission deadline is Tuesday.

Swim Instructor Sought

A Child and Youth Services swim instructor is being sought for the Yongsan area. The job is a NF-03 position with a salary ranging from 26K-34K per year. Applicants must submit resume and NAF application DA Forms 3433-1 and 3433-2. Additionally, local applicants in Korean must complete a Local Applicant Questionnaire. Resumes may be sent via e-mail to resume_naf@korea.army.mil. For information, call or e-mail Roxanne.chancellor@korea.army.mil at 738-2311.

TMCW Submissions

To have an event featured in The Morning Calm Weekly, e-mail information to morningcalmweekly@korea.army.mil. Submissions should include the basic who, what, when and where information regarding the event, and at least one point of contact name and telephone number. For information, call 738-3355.

Soldiers travel back in time at Fantastic Studios

By Chief Warrant Officer Teddy C. Datuin
1st Signal Brigade

YONGSAN – For Maj. William Walton and Spc. Patrick Singleton, Feb. 11 was a day they traveled back in time and wandered around in the Seoul of the 1930s through the 1970s.

Along with other American servicemembers and Korean friends, Walton and Singleton experienced for a day what Seoul was like 35 to 75 years ago, when they toured the Fantastic Studios located in the city of Bucheon. Bucheon, which claims to be the “Cultural Center of Korea for the 21st century” is located between Seoul and Incheon.

Built in March 2002, the Fantastic Studios has been the location sets for many popular Korean television drama series and Korean movie productions. With an area of 66,000 square meters, the studio has sets that bring back to life the streets of Jongno, Cheonggyecheon and Myeongdong in the 1930s. Additional sets depict what Dongdaemun and Myeongdong look like in the 1960-1970s.

Singleton, assigned to the 14th Signal Detachment at Camp Coirer,



Visitors to Fantastic Studios can ride a tram, Korea's first modern transportation, beginning operation in 1899. The tram travels along the old Jongno streets inside the studio.



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TEDDY C. DATUIN

Patrick Singleton (right, normally a specialist with the 14th Signal Detachment, but a Korean general for the day, listens to the king (Maj. William Walton) as he reads a new proclamation.

said he was very glad that he joined the tour to the Fantastic Studios. “This is my first assignment in Korea and I don’t know what Seoul looked like even five years ago,” he said. “Now, I see what some of the major areas of Seoul looked like decades ago.”

“This is my first time in Korea and I’m only here for a few short months,” said Walton, “so I’m taking advantage and enjoying every opportunity that I get to learn more about Korea.” Walton is temporarily assigned to the 501st Military Intelligence Brigade in Yongsan, but permanently assigned to the 63rd Regional Readiness Command, a U.S. Army Reserve Command in the Los Angeles, Calif. area.

Visitors to the studio can take a ride in a tram — Korea’s first modern transportation — or ride in a rickshaw, which was the main means

of transportation when there were still no cars in Korea. Visitors can also taste many early Korean childhood snacks from a reminiscent old Korean store, or drink and eat in an early Korean food stall.

Walton and Singleton, however, decided to be a king and a general, respectively, during the Chosun Dynasty. With the help of Kim Ki Suk, curator for the studio’s production costumes and gears associated with the Chosun era and up to the 1960s, both Soldiers dressed up and enjoyed a 15-minute fame of being a Korean king and a Korean king’s general during the kingdom days of Korea.

To get to the Fantastic Studios in Bucheon, take Line No. 1 from the Yongsan train station towards Incheon, exit at Songnae Station, then take Bus # 5-2 in front of North Plaza by the Songnae Station.

176th Finance Bn. ‘KATUSA Trip’ visits Blue House

By Chief Warrant Officer Teddy C. Datuin
1st Signal Brigade

The 176th Finance Battalion recently toured the home of South Korea’s President Roh, known as the Blue House. The trip is part of the 176th’s Good Neighbor Program, through which each month the battalion sponsors a trip to explore South Korean culture.

The trips, known in the battalion as “KATUSA Trips,” are organized and led by a Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldier. The trips give the KATUSA Soldiers an opportunity to share their country, culture and traditions with their American military counterparts. The trips also give the U.S. Soldiers an opportunity to get out and see the sights of Korea.

The trip to the Blue House was led by the battalion Senior KATUSA, Sgt. Chae Bong Kyoo.

“Most of the KATUSA Soldiers had never been to the Blue House so this was a great chance for us to see it, as well as to share it with the U.S. Soldiers.”

The present Blue House was built in April 1991. It houses the offices of the president and the first lady and is where they receive guests. It was built largely in the traditional Korean style with modern elements harmoniously added to it. “We were hoping to see Mr. Roh but maybe next time,” said Chae.

Following Korea’s liberation in 1945, the Governor General’s residence building was used as the residence of Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, the head of the U.S. military government. After the establishment of the Republic of Korea, the site became the Presidential Office-Residence, first named Gyeongmudae and then Cheong Wa Dae, meaning the “Blue House.”

The old buildings that were used as the Presidential Office-Residence by some of the former presidents were removed in November 1993. Although in 1989 when work was undertaken to rebuild Cheong Wa Dae as two separate buildings, the Presidential office building and the residence, there were some views that the former buildings be saved and used as a museum for presidential mementos.

They were removed under instructions from President Kim Yeong-sam who stressed the need to reestablish the national spirit and to uphold national pride. The site was restored as it was originally and called “Sugungteo” in memory of

the guards of the royal palace.

Past 176th Fin. Bn. KATUSA trips include touring the Gyeongbok Palace, shopping at Insadong, hiking on Dobongsan and attending sporting and performing arts events. “We use public transportation — subway or buses — so everyone learns how to get out and around Seoul,” explained Chae. “We visit the site and then find a Korean restaurant to have something to eat. It’s a great way to learn about Korea.”

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Soldiers, civilians keep air traffic controlled at Humphreys

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – The men and women of Company D, 58th Aviation Regiment, have a view from their work place unequalled on Camp Humphreys. They have to. They direct air traffic over and around the facility from its highest building – the air traffic control tower.

Kang Kyong-chol, one of Humphreys civilian air traffic controllers, said that Humphreys handles lots of traffic. “We handle local fights and aircraft coming in from overseas,” he said. “We commonly see CH-47s, Apache, and Blackhawk helicopters, Korean military helicopters and the C-12. I’ve also seen A-10s, U-2s and C-130s during my nine years at Camp Humphreys.

“We get small aircraft like those from the aero club at Osan, with pilot trainees. Humphreys is a busy place.”

Kang became an air traffic controller when he entered the Republic of Korea Air Force in 1981. “I’ve been a controller most of the time since then,” he said. “I worked as a trainer with a flight simulator

from 1988 until 1994, but before and after it’s been traffic control.”

There are 11 Soldiers and three civilians assigned to the tower. These 14 people man the tower 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year around. They handle more

than 1,000 aircraft movements a month. “We work three shifts,” said Spc. Mia Connors, A-shift training supervisor. “Our busiest shift is B-shift – 3 to 11 p.m. Flying after dark gives the aircrews the opportunity to practice with night vision equipment.”

Connors, who was a single and multi-engine flight instructor before joining the Army, enjoys being an air traffic controller. “I may stay with it when I decide to get out of the Army,” she said, “and fly just for

pleasure.”

Soldiers who are air traffic controllers share some traits and experiences according to Connors. “They’re all smart and tend to have good eyes,” she said. “They all get good test grades and go through the same training.



Spc. Mia Connors, shift training supervisor (standing) answers a question from Spc. Otessa Valentine, who has been in Korea two months and is working toward her local certification.



PHOTOS BY ROGER EDWARDS

Spc. Mia Connors, Air Traffic Control shift training supervisor, uses binoculars to check aircraft movement on the field.

“Although the job is pretty much the same anywhere a Soldier may be assigned,” she said, “each air field requires seven months or more of training before a controller can be locally rated for that field.

“It can be tricky,” she said, “There’s lots of information to commit to memory, and that has to be done while performing as a Soldier. It doesn’t happen often, but there have been a few controllers who had to be reclassified after they missed getting a local rating.”

Staff Sgt. Takia Gibbs, Humphreys Air Traffic Control chief, explained a little about the tower itself, saying that the tower is only about two years old. “The first floor is entry and utilities,” she said. “The second is classroom space.

My office is located on the third floor.

“The fourth floor gives space for administrative offices for both the tower and for Ground Control Approach Radar. The fifth floor is our equipment room and holds such things as transmitters, receivers and telephone recorders.

“The seventh floor is going to be the Ground Control Approach Radar room,” she said. “Right now it’s a new installation awaiting approval and sign off. Until that happens, the GCA people will continue to use tactical equipment.”

The very top floor, the eighth, is Air Traffic Control. It features a 360-degree view of Camp Humphreys and the surrounding communities and countryside.

Speaking Their Minds

Several members of Camp Eagle’s Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers lunch with Brig. Gen. H. T. Landwermeyer (second left) at the Eagle dining facility Feb. 22. Landwermeyer, Installation Management Agency – Korea Region Office director, fielded questions on quality-of-life issues raised by the junior enlisted Soldiers.

“This is the first time I’ve ever talked to a general,” said Pvt. Benjamin Covert, 1-2 Aviation Regiment (seated to Landwermeyer’s left). “It was intimidating, but the Army taught me to deal with it. I got to speak my mind and touched base on a lot of things that needed to be discussed.” Landwermeyer spent the day inspecting improvements to facilities at camps Long and Eagle. Also pictured are Pfc. James Jewell, 1-2nd Aviation (left), Spc. Jessica Lane, 602nd Aviation Support Battalion, and Pfc. Brian Weir, 1-2nd Aviation.



F. NEIL NEELEY

NEWS & NOTES

It's Time to Play Ball!

Child and Youth Services is looking for baseball coaches for the Spring 2006 season. All coaches must have completed background check prior to the start of the season. For information, call 753-8507.

United Club sets March Meeting

Humphreys United Club meets next at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Alaska Mining Company. Come for a pasta dinner and silent auction. The theme will be make it, bake it, grow it or sew it. Bidding on a variety of different and handcrafted items starts at 7 p.m. Donated items are encouraged.

Youth Basketball Championships

Humphreys Youth Services hosts the Korea Region Office Youth Basketball Championships (11 and 12 year old) at Humphreys Gym March 11. Yongsan, Daegu and Humphreys compete. Come out and support the kids.

United Club Scholarships

Humphreys United Club awards five \$1,000 scholarships in May. Applications are available April 3 and are due no later than April 21. Get applications at Humphreys Education Center or Painted Door Gift and Thrift Shop, or via e-mail at unitedclubarea3@yahoo.com. Applications must be accompanied by official sealed high school transcript or college letter of acceptance (high school seniors only).

Free Walk-In Computer Use

Camp Humphreys Digital Training Facility is open in Building 302 (located behind the library) 6 to 11 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. weekends. Machines are available to access and complete:

- Smart Force Courses
- Foreign Language Courses
- College Courses
- Correspondence Courses

Call 753-7558 or 7539 for information.

Office Moves

Public Affairs, Housing and Safety have changed locations. Public Affairs and Housing are now open for business in Building 133, while Safety can be found in Building 756, the Directorate of Public Works building. Business hours and telephone numbers for all these offices remain the same.

TMCW Submissions

To submit items for use in The Morning Calm Weekly's Area III News & Notes, submit all pertinent information (along with a point of contact name and telephone number) by calling 753-6132. Deadline for submission is close of business Friday prior to publication.

Kite fest unites 'good neighbors'

By F. Neil Neeley

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS—More than 50 Humphreys Soldiers, civilians and family members attended the 20th annual Yeon Nal-gi Dae-wah, the annual Paengsung Kite Flying Festival Saturday at the BuYong Korean Elementary School playground near Humphreys.

The Americans joined their Korean neighbors in flying traditional style kites and for games, and were given lunch and a kite.

The weather was sunny and mild, perfect for kites.

Patricia Horton said the day was more than a kite-flying event for her and her family. "I'm Korean-American," she said. "I grew up here and went to this school as a child. It's great seeing the school again." In recognition of her special status, Horton and her family were given the honor of cutting Dok, the traditional ceremonial rice cake.



PHOTOS BY F. NEIL NEELEY

The event is privately funded by Shim Chaim-il, a regional kite master and civilian Directorate of Public Works carpentry shop employee. "I'm pleased

to see so many Soldiers and family members here today," Shim said. "It's a great opportunity for Americans to experience a part of our Korean culture."



The Horton Family cuts the ceremonial rice cake at Saturday's 20th annual kite flying festival at the BuYong Korean Elementary School playground near Humphreys. The family was given the honor because wife Patricia attended the school as a child. Family members are (left to right) J.P., Andy, Mathew (who works at Humphreys 527th Military Intelligence Battalion), Patricia and Miriam. A Korean child (left) use a string spindle to fly kites. More than 150 children competed in the event. Humphreys representative Arron J.Y. Robinson, son of Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Robinson, won third place overall.



KIM AERAN

Healthy Info

Sylvia Eckman, a registered nurse and Area III Health Promotions coordinator for 18th Medical Command, passes out information on nutrition, blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes at the Camp Humphreys commissary Feb. 23 during Heart Health Month and to kick off National Nutrition Month for March. "I have pamphlets I pass out talking about the part nutrition and diet play in staying healthy and controlling problems such as high cholesterol and diabetes," she said. Eckman's next public event is a return to the commissary March 23, when she will be available to talk about nutrition and health. For an appointment, call 753-7657.



F. NEIL NEELEY

Open for Lunch

Officials from Bonjong-Ri2 and Pyeongtaek join Col. Michael J. Taliento (in uniform) in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Camp Humphreys Quarry Gate Feb. 23. The Quarry gate is now open 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, in addition to 6 to 8 a.m. and 4:30 to 6 p.m. Joining Taliento at the ceremony were, (left to right) Yu In-sok, branch manager, Bonjeong Bank; Jo Yi-nam, vice president, Paengsung West Regional Development Committee; Pyo Hyen-young, president, Senior Citizen Bonjung 2-ri; Kang Myong-sok, former president, Senior Citizen Bonjung 1-ri; and Choi; Kil-chen, president, Paengsung West Regional Development Committee. To Taliento's right are: Bae Yeon-suh, vice chairman, Pyeongtaek City Council; Yi In-chae, county mayor, Paengsung County; Kim Kyong-hui, chief, Post Office of Bonjung Paengsung; and Yi Kun-chae, section chief, Korean-American Cooperation.

Diamond Rio plays Camp Humphreys

By Roger Edwards

Area III Public Affairs

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Gold and platinum recording artists Diamond Rio made their first appearance at Camp Humphreys Post Gym Feb. 22, playing to about 500 Soldiers and greeting four of their fans backstage in person for

photos and autographs.

Two fans, Spcs. Heather Morrill and Kurt Legnon, both of the 3rd Military Intelligence Battalion, won the backstage privilege through a contest sponsored by the Pacific Stars and Stripes.

Amanda Christine Ryan won the privilege in a contest sponsored by Area

III Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Frace. “I had a couple of Diamond Rio CDs and a tee-shirt for prizes,” he said, “and then arranged the backstage pass. We’ve had people signing up for the drawing for a couple of weeks now. It’s been fun.”

“I’m a big fan,” said Ryan as she waited to meet the band. “I’m just so excited I’m shaking.”

Ryan invited a friend, Sgt. Angela Williams, 527th Military Intelligence, to go backstage with her. Williams is a country music fan and enjoys Diamond Rio well enough that she arrived while

there were only two other audience members in the building, so she could get a “good” seat. “I just regret that I came here directly from work,” she said. “I forgot to bring my CDs for autographs this morning.”

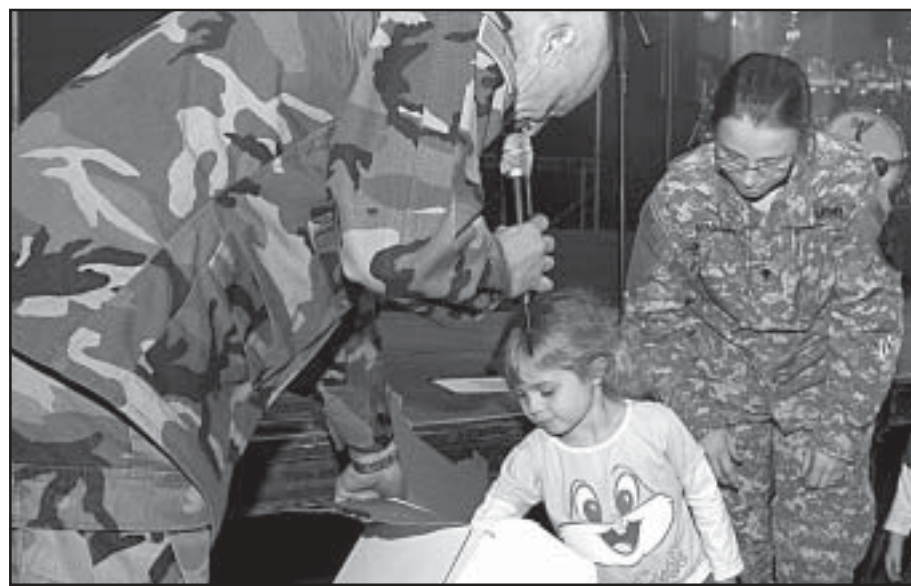
The band wrapped up its tour of Korea at Humphreys. “We’ve got an appearance at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville we’ve got to get to,” said lead singer Marty Roe. “We’ve enjoyed our visit to Korea and entertaining all the Soldiers and airmen. And we got the chance to see some of the country ... It’s been a good trip.”



Diamond Rio fan Amanda Christine Ryan (front left) won the drawing for a backstage visit with the band. She invited her friend, Sgt. Angela Williams, to go with her.



Gold and platinum recording artist Diamond Rio made their first visit to Camp Humphreys Feb. 22, while touring Korea. “We’ve played five Army posts, an Air Force installation and the DMZ on this trip,” said lead singer Marty Roe. “It’s been fun.”



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Four-year-old Cassandra Massey pulls the winning name from the box. Soldiers entered the drawing for a chance at Diamond Rio CDs, a T-shirt and backstage visit with the band Feb. 22. Cassandra’s mother, Spc. Sabrina Massey, 2nd Combat Aviation Brigade, and Area III Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Frace assisted.

Remembering the past while building the future in Korea

By Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Frace

Area III Support Activity

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Park Sung-kyu, chairman of Samil Enterprise Construction Company, attended the ground-breaking ceremony for Camp Humphreys new 303-person Child Development Center Feb. 22. The new CDC is being built by Park’s son, Dr. Park Jong-woong, chief executive officer and president of Samil Enterprise Company, Limited.

The elder Park surprised his son after the ceremony, when he revealed that he had built a facility on Camp Humphreys more than 40 years ago and wanted to show it to him.

Park’s project, a building on the airfield, was constructed in 1961 and it is still in use.

I think he also wanted to revisit some history of his own as well as show the building to his son. The problem was he had forgotten the location of the facility over the years and with all the new construction.

Park is now 86 years old. He remembered when he was contracted to build a facility and the issues associated with the structure. He recalled ordering the now existing center beam supports and horseshoe railing from Japan. He had mistakenly ordered 6 mm steel when he should have ordered 9 mm. Realizing his mistake, he contacted the supplier in Japan to try to stop the order. It was too late, the order had already been shipped. This error held up construction for a few weeks.

Another problem was that the eye wash system confused some of the workers and they got a bath when they pulled the chain.

Park and I drove around the installation as he recalled the building’s design. We looked at a number of structures until he mentioned that his project was built

as a battery and maintenance repair shop with corrugated metal outer walls and a one floor structure. This information was all we needed. We made one more stop and found the building.

When Park saw the facility he immediately stopped and stared at the structure he built all those years ago.

Park was grateful to be able show his son his own work, and for the fact that it is still standing and still in use. The building’s date was confirmed by the Directorate of Public Works Property Management Office, and the fact the Samil Construction Company had done the construction.

Building S-1019, belonging to 2-52 General Support Aviation Battalion, was constructed in 1961 as a maintenance and battery repair shop. It’s still being used for that purpose today.

Park walked around the facility, inside and out, and began to tell stories of how the structure was built. His mission to relocate this facility was complete. His son now shared a piece of his past.

His son, a well-known construction manager in his own right, is very proud of

the senior Park’s accomplishments with a company that has been around for more than 50 years and that has helped build today’s Korea.

The younger Park is working with U.S. Forces Korea to build tomorrow’s Korea.

Both men share in the past and present transformation of USFK, and look to share their history with those who serve on the peninsula.



ROGER EDWARDS

Park Sung-kyu, chairman of Samil Enterprise Construction Company, and his son, Dr. Park Jong-woong, chief executive officer and president of Samil Enterprise Company, Limited, stand outside Camp Humphreys’ Building S-1019 after touring the maintenance and battery repair shop. The elder Park is responsible for erecting the building in 1961. He wanted to share a piece of his life with his son, who heads the company that has broken ground for a new 303-person Child Development Center on Camp Humphreys.

TAS takes Far East Basketball championship

By Steven Hoover

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP WALKER – “I told them to play each game of this tournament as if they were playing their last,” said Michelle Chandler, Taegu American School’s girls’ varsity coach and athletic director.

The team took her words to heart and finished the Far East High School Girls Class A Tournament as champions for the first time in school history, defeating last years’ runner-up Faith Academy, 38-28, behind a stellar performance by Lynette Grant.

Grant, a senior, scored eight of her 17 points in the final quarter, helping the Lady Warriors to rally from a 25-16 third quarter deficit. Her effort also helped earn her the tournament’s Most Valuable Player award.

“When that girl steps up, you can’t stop her,” Chandler said.

Faith Academy coach Dan Beaver



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Taegu American’s Kelli Cox (14) and Michelle Weal (22) try to keep Morrison Christian’s Ashley Muller from grabbing a rebound during their game at Taegu American School Gym Feb. 23. TAS won the game 44-40.

seemed almost prophetic when he said early in the tournament that “the home team has reached center court more

times than not. If you follow the percentages and know who the Lady Warriors have coming back, TAS will be our biggest competition.”

Going into the final, Faith would need two wins in the double-elimination playoffs to win the title. But, for the second straight game, Grant dominated when she had to.

The first time these two teams met, Faith held a 37-31 lead with 4:25 remaining. After a Taegu time out, Grant and Sarah Scott scored buckets, cutting the lead to two. With 1:29 remaining, Nina Forrest tied the game for Taegu. Then Grant, driving the length of the court, gave the Lady Warriors the lead at 39-37. Faith’s Charis Jones later tied the game, sending it into overtime.

While Scott, a freshman, hit two free throws, Grant scored four of her 23 points in the overtime period to help TAS escape with a 45-43 victory.

In the losers’ bracket final, Faith

Academy defeated St. Paul Christian 37-18, earning a second shot at Taegu American. Faith’s only losses in the tournament were to TAS.

Counting pool play, where the Lady Warriors went 5-0, they finished the week with nine straight wins. Although they made things look easy at times, there was nothing easy about the last three games.

In TAS’ previous trip to the finals, they lost 44-22 to Osan American in 2001. Osan was the defending champion again this year. TAS finished fifth in the 2005 tournament.

Besides TAS and Pusan American School, other tournament participants were: St. Paul Christian (Guam); Sacred Heart (Japan); E.J. King (Japan); International Christian (Seoul); International Christian (Uijeongbu); Faith Academy (Philippines); Morrison Christian Academy (Taiwan); Matthew C. Perry (Japan); Robert D. Edgren (Japan); and Osan American.

The All-Tournament team was: Grant (three-time selection), Kelli Cox (two-time selection), Taegu American; Leyna Arbour (two-time selection), Sacred Heart; Kristia Suriben (two-time selection), Yudia Johnson, E.J. King; Heather Craker (two-time selection), Vicki Tai, Morrison Christian; Gerralyn Calhoun, Robert D. Edgren; Janel Long, Crystal Ballentyne, Kelly Youngman, Faith Academy; Alysa Tomada, Sheryl Padilla, St. Paul Christian; Cristina Sindac, Matthew C. Perry.

Grant, Cox and Tammara Hancock from Taegu American, and Ashley Smith from Pusan American, were selected to play in the DoDDS versus Internationals game following the championship.

See Page 16 for additional coverage of the Far East High School Girls Class A Tournament.



Lynette Grant (23) and Tammara “Tank” Hancock celebrate after the Taegu American School Lady Warriors finished off Faith Academy, 38-28, to win the schools’ first Far East Girls Class A Basketball Championship, Feb. 24 at Kelly Gym on Camp Walker.

‘Hoop Scoop,’ written by budding journalists, follows tourney

By Steven Hoover

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP GEORGE – While there was plenty of action on the court during the Far East Girls Class A Basketball Tournament held here and at Camp Walker’s Kelly Gym last week, students of the Taegu American School Yearbook Production program were busy recording all the action.

“Hoop Scoop,” a newsletter which began in 1994 at Pusan American School, was published on a daily basis during the tournament. Two student reporters and photographers covered each game, then wrote stories and sorted through the photos before meeting later in the evening to put together the next day’s issue.

According to Jennifer Smith, the publications program advisor, her journalism students weren’t the only ones covering the tournament for “Hoop Scoop.”

“Members of the Student Council were also involved,” she said. “Everyone involved with the project put great effort into providing a quality publication. I think it was well received. The project provided a necessary service to the teams and players and gave our students some real-life work experience.”

The “welcome” edition featured team overviews, comments from coaches regarding tournament favorites, as well as helpful phrases and information about local places to eat and shop, tourist attractions, and movie schedules.

Smith said that senior Whitney Dalton, the TAS paper editor, was instrumental in making sure each issue was ready the next day.

“Whitney’s done everything,” Smith said. “She organized the staff, she knows the software and she is so passionate about it. But, she’ll be the first to tell you that it is a team effort to get each issue ready.”



STEVEN HOOVER

Monica Baltich (foreground), Betsy Lubuag and Sergio Demaala check over their stories and photos before turning them in for publication in the next day’s issue of “Hoop Scoop.” In the background, Dave Omauer, Stars and Stripes assistant Pacific Editor-Sports, works on his copy for the next day as well.

NEWS & NOTES

Chong-Do Bullfighting Tour

The Camp Walker Community Activity Center and Better Opportunities for Single and unaccompanied Soldiers will host a tour to see Chong-Do Bullfighting March 11. Transportation will depart at 9:30 a.m. from the Camp Walker Commissary parking lot and return around 3 p.m. The registration deadline is Thursday. The tour is open to all U.S. Forces Korea identification cardholders. A \$5 refundable fee is required at the time of registration. For information, contact Luis Rios at 764-4440.

Absentee Ballot Delay

A delay in the mailing of absentee ballots means ballots sent in by voters overseas for the Texas primary on Tuesday will not be counted until March 20, according to Federal Voting Assistance Program officials. All ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, and must be received no later than March 20. The Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot, Standard Form 186, is available from unit voting assistance officers or at www.fvap.gov/pubs/ofwab.pdf.

Volunteer of the Year Awards

Camp Carroll Army Community Service will conduct its Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony, 5:30 p.m., April 13 at the Community Activity Center on Camp Carroll. Categories include military, civilian, spouse and KATUSA. Units must submit their volunteer hours and nominations by April 5. For information, call Yi Tae-yoon at 765-7900.

Instructors Positions

The Camp Carroll Sports and Fitness Center is seeking certified aerobics and spinning bike instructors. Anyone who is qualified, or knows someone who is qualified, is asked to call Carlos Algarin at 765-8118.

Area IV Hot Job Opportunities

Army Community Service announces the following employment opportunities are available: Program coordinator, University of Phoenix, Camp Henry, closing date is Monday; Tae kwon do and gymnastics instructors at Child and Youth Service. Applications will be accepted until March 10; field office assistant, American Red Cross, open until filled; manager for Apple Blossom Cottage on Camp Carroll, open until filled. For information about these opportunities, contact Lettie Villarosa at 768-7951.

PSB FTX

Charlie Detachment, 516th Personnel Services Battalion and the postal offices will be conducting a field training exercise Sunday – Thursday and will be operating at minimum staffing. For information, call 1st Sgt. Tirrell Hickman at 768-7899.

TAS Cheerleaders take KAIAC again

By Steven Hoover

Area IV Public Affairs

CAMP GEORGE – Coming off an impressive showing at the Far East Cheerleading Competition last November, where they won for the second straight time, the Taegu American School's varsity cheerleaders added yet another title to their four-year run as Korean American Interscholastic Activities Conference champs.

The event, held at Seoul Foreign School Feb. 18, featured both varsity and junior varsity competitors from nine schools. Taegu American's junior varsity, also attempting to defend a title, finished second this time, behind Seoul American.

And, proving that it's never too late for good news, Pusan American School's varsity squad finished second, while the junior varsity placed third. According to PAS cheerleading coach, Angela Griego, this was the first time in school history that the cheerleaders earned a top-three finish. Ironically, this is the last school year for PAS, as Camp Hialeah will be closing later this year.

"Although we are a small school, with less than 100 students, we have worked hard to achieve this goal," Griego said.

Unlike other competitions where teams are divided by school size, this event makes no such concession. Each team, from large school or small, is required to perform an original two-to-four minute routine implementing cheer, dance, jump, stunt and tumbling elements.

Taegu American's varsity team is made up of seven girls and three boys. This is the second year boys have participated in cheerleading at TAS.



STEVEN HOOVER

Taegu American School's award-winning varsity cheerleading squad performs during halftime at the DoDDS versus International game, the finale of the Far East Girls Class A Basketball tournament.

According to senior Megan Gardner, having boys on the squad doesn't allow them to do more stunts, but it definitely helps to do better stunts.

"We started our routine really strong this year," she said. "It definitely had more energy and our ending was amazing. All of our stunts stuck, nobody fell and everything went perfect. I think it was the best we've done."

In addition to the fourth consecutive title, seniors Whitney Dalton and Crystal Anguay, plus junior Brittani Ferguson, were selected as all-stars in the individual competition. Other members of the Taegu American varsity squad are: Gardner; juniors Aimee Hildenbrand, Shilla Grammer, Jesse Covan, and Kyle Hendrix; and seniors James Bradley and Matt Lamunyan.

Pusan's varsity squad members are: seniors Jennifer Smith and Justin Sprague; sophomores Kay Husler, Linda Song, Jason Baek and Brandon Pena;

freshman Linda Martinez; eighth-grader Beth Metzger; and seventh-graders Hana Noguchi, Kaela Clements and A.J. Griego.

Dalton said that the key to the squads' success is the bond they have developed after having spent, by her estimation, almost 1,400 hours together if you include lunch, practice, games, competitions and just "hanging out."

"We're a group of best friends, so we can be honest with each other," she said. "When we mess up, we can help each other constructively. We have a title to live up to and going to KAIAC this year put a heavy strain on us to bring the trophy back. But we did it."

During the Far East Girls Class A basketball tournament, the Taegu American squad cheered for both sides during the DoDDS versus International schools game Feb. 24. They also performed a routine at halftime.

CNFK greets cadets at ROK Naval Academy

By Cpl. Park Kwang-mo

Area IV Public Affairs

CHINHAIE – Chinhaie, the headquarters for Republic of Korea naval activities, is a well-known port on the southern coast, famous for its cherry blossoms.

It is also home to the Republic of Korea Naval Academy, whose graduating cadets are preparing to depart bucolic Chinhaie to serve their country as naval officers.

Monday, Rear Adm. James P. Wisecup, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea, shared a once-in-a-lifetime moment with the academy's 2006 graduating class of 164 cadets, by delivering his heartfelt advice at Wonil Hall here. It is the fifth time a commander of Naval Forces Korea has presented a speech to a ROK Naval Academy graduating class. The ROK Naval Academy will conduct its 60th graduation ceremony Monday.

"It is my first opportunity to talk with Korean young men and women before their assignment, and I always feel



CPL. PARK KWANG-MO

Rear Adm. James P. Wisecup, commander of U.S. Naval Forces Korea, talks with the Republic of Korea Naval Academy's 2006 distinguished honor graduate, Kang Kyung, after his speech Monday at the academy in Jhinhae.

pleased to encourage young people to take more responsibility to defend their country," Wisecup said.

Throughout his speech, Wisecup, a 1977 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, in Annapolis, Md., referred to himself as "hyung" to the graduates, which means "older brother" in Korean.

He shared his thoughts and experiences from 29 years of service as a senior naval officer. Wisecup spoke about some of his career experiences,

such as when he was the director of the Situation Room in the West Wing of the White House, working with President George W. Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He also talked about inspiration and courage based on his own heroes and books. He also mentioned family values and their responsibility as naval officers. He told them that serving their country "is not a job ... it is a calling."

"The commander made us feel at ease throughout his presentation," said Kang Kyung, the ROK Naval Academy's class of 2006 distinguished honor graduate. "All of his advice is invaluable to have for my future assignments, my country as well as family." Kang is one of 16 female graduates.

Another graduate, Jang Ji-nyung, who was recognized by U.S. Naval Forces Korea based on his graduating class rank, said, "I especially liked the part that leaders should check their sailors, to see whether they wear the

It's a fact, Army cook serves up excellence at DFAC



Spc. Jay Ruff, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), sautés vegetables during the International Military Culinary Competition at the COEX Mall in Seoul.

By Sgt. Jimmy Norris
19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

CAMPWALKER – The mention of the term “chow hall” often conjures up images of Soldiers standing in long lines for steaming piles of tasteless mush. Whether deserved or not, Army dining facilities often have a reputation for serving bad food, and lots of it.

One Soldier working to dispel that myth is Spc. Jay Ruff, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Sustainment Command (Expeditionary), who, after only three years in the Army, has earned numerous awards and recognition for his work in both local dining facilities and in competitive cooking events around the world.

But Ruff’s kitchen experience didn’t begin with his enlistment in the Army.

“I’ve been cooking since I could walk,” explained the Chicago-born grandson of Italian immigrants.

Ruff said his grandmother began teaching him to cook when he was 5 years old. By the age of 13, he had his first job making pasta and sandwiches in an Italian specialty shop. Four years later, while still in his teens, Ruff was working as a sous chef. Eventually, Ruff went on to become the head chef at a restaurant in Hawaii.

While such a high level of success relatively early in one’s career might be enough for some, Ruff wanted more out of life.

“I wanted something new. I was working really hard and didn’t have time for school,” he said. “So I joined the Army to take advantage of the GI Bill and the college incentives.”

Upon joining the Army, Ruff immediately began

distinguishing himself as one of the best in his field.

Two months into his first assignment, Ruff received a letter of commendation from the admiral of the Republic of Korea Navy after cooking at a pie show during a Combined Forces Command anniversary commemoration.

He then went on to discover the joy of cooking competitively.

“There’s a rush that goes with seeing how good I can do in the allotted period of time ... just to be able to see where my skills are, to take anything and be able to create a masterpiece,” Ruff said.

If competition results are any indicator, Ruff’s skills are in exactly the right place.

In 2004, Ruff took third place in the Senior Chef of the Year category of the All-Army Culinary Competition at Fort Lee, Va. At the U.S. Military Culinary Competition in March 2005, Ruff earned one silver and two bronze medals. The following April, as part of the Eighth U.S. Army Culinary Team, Ruff helped earn one gold and two silver medals at the 2005 International Military Culinary Arts Competition in Seoul. In November 2005, Ruff went to London, England, for the Culinary Grand Prix, where he helped win a bronze medal and an award for best in show for food safety and sanitation.

Ruff also took part in the October, 2005, Field Connelly Competition, an Army-wide competition between military dining facilities. Ruff’s team was the runner-up. Ruff’s most recent achievement was winning the title U.S. Army

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Korea Chef of the Year, Feb. 4.

In addition to competitive cooking events, Ruff has used his time in the Army to earn numerous professional certifications, including certified culinarian, sous chef and executive chef – thanks in large part to certification and training programs initiated by Ruff’s mentor, 19th SC (E) Food Advisor, Chief Warrant Officer Travis Smith.

“Chief Smith has been real good about starting certification programs with the [American Culinary Federation],” Ruff said.

The training and certifications Ruff and his counterparts have earned will soon benefit countless others.

Ruff has already implemented a series of “chef’s specials” at the Camp Walker dining facility.

He said in the near future, Soldiers can expect to see items such as jerked chicken, jambalaya, Cajun catfish, chicken alfredo and baked rigatoni at Camp Walker.

“I think Soldiers are tired of seeing the same stuff every night,” Ruff said. “Instead of seeing a look of disappointment on the face of a Soldier with a meal card, I want to give them a meal they can smile about. It’s getting taken out of their checks, so let’s give them something they’ll want for their money.”

In addition to the chef’s specials, Ruff plans to incorporate the training he’s received into sergeant’s time training at the Camp Walker Dining Facility.

“What I did for my certified culinarian test, I’m trying to bring here,” Ruff said.

Initial classes will include culinary basics such

as how to prepare a chicken and combine spices. But, Ruff said, the long-term goal is to be able to bring instructors from the American Culinary Federation to proctor certification tests for the Soldiers working in the dining facilities.

Members of the 8th Army Culinary Team will also be conducting one- to two-day seminars at various dining facilities to try and raise head counts.

“The more people who come in, the more money we have for steak and crab legs and more extravagant meals,” Ruff said. “The more people we have, the better the food will get because we’ll be able to spend more money on getting better products.”

Ruff is just one of several cooks in Korea who’ve received specialized training and certifications, Smith said. Eventually, their specialized knowledge will benefit all of the Soldiers who eat in dining facilities in Korea.

“The overall point of the culinary training is to bring it back to the Soldiers in the [dining facility]. Ruff is the cook in the 19th who is going to do that,” Smith said. “He’s an exceptional cook. He’s very talented and an asset to the Army.”

While helping to implement improvements in the quality of the food served at dining facilities and continuing with his normal duties as a cook might seem like a daunting task to many, Ruff expressed a high level of satisfaction with the work he’s doing.

“Being able to cook something that puts a smile on somebody’s face, or maybe improves their day, and being able to compete – I’m doing something I love and getting paid for it. I couldn’t ask for a better job,” he said.

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right shoes and take the rocks out of shoes before they move.”

After the speech, Wisecup answered questions for about 10 minutes. One questioned asked was, “If you have to choose either work or family, what you will choose and why?” Wisecup then said, “Think about it. Most of you, as well as I, will be retired eventually. Who will be standing by you then?”

Wisecup assumed command of Naval Forces Korea five and-a-half months ago. His previous assignments include: director of the White House Situation Room; director, Systems and Technical Planning Staff, International Military Staffing at North Atlantic Treaty Organization Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium; and commander of the USS Callaghan, where he received the Vice Admiral James Stockdale Award for Inspirational Leadership.

Before coming to Korea, he served as a Fellow at the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in Newport, Rhode Island.

The ROK Naval Academy, established in 1945, has been educating and providing the officers who will help lead the Korean Navy into the “Ocean Going Navy Era.” Midshipmen are trained to be knowledgeable, respectable, physically and mentally strong during four years of schooling.

Jang, who received a commanders’ coin from Wisecup during his visit to the naval academy, said, “I looked at the coin and was impressed with the carved small phrase of “Let’s Go Together” because it reminds me of a ship on the Chinhae waterfront whose motto is “The Sea Makes Us One.”

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용산에서 흑인 역사의 달 열려

다양한 행사와 무료의료 혜택 제공되

제2지역시설사 공보실
이양원 일병

2월 22일 용산의 사우스 포스트의 채플에서는 흑인 역사의 달을 기념하기 위해 150명의 인파가 몰려 들었다.

제2지역 시설사의 군목 제임스 킹 중령은 “여러분들 중 몇몇은 제가 전형적인 ‘흑인 역사의 달’ 연설자가 아니라는 것을 느꼈을 겁니다,” 라면서 연설을 시작했다.

킹중령은 큰 키에 마른 체형을 가진 침례교 목사이다.

“저는 오늘 저희가 기념하고 있는 흑인 역사가 아프리카계 미국인의 역사인 동시에 전미국의 역사이며, 나아가 가까운 미래에 서로 협력할 필요성을 상징하는 대표자입니다,” 라고 말했다.

그는 행사 주제인 “흑인 본보기와 교육자들을 통한 우수한 인재 육성 전략”을 강조하였다. 그의 연설을 많은 청중들의 이목을 사로잡았다.

행사 참가자 두엔 브라운 중령은 “킹 군목은 어려운 주제를 쉽게 설명해 모든 사람들로 하여금 이해할 수 있게 하는 재능을 갖고 있는 역동적인 연설가이다,” 라고 말했다.

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브라운 중령은 “나는 이 자리에 모인 사람들이 오늘 교육을 받은 만큼 즐겼으면 하는 바람이다. 오늘 행사가 앞으로 많은 사람들이 그들의 친구들과 계속 참여하게끔 만들었으면 한다.” 라고 덧붙였다.

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그는 “우리의 임무는 아직 완수되지 않았다. 마틴 루터 킹 주니어의 사상이 미국인의 역사에 머무를 것이 아니라 모든이가 공감할 수 있는 역사가

되도록 노력해야 한다,” 라고 주장했다.

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행사의 대부분은 18의무사령부에서 준비했으며, 많은 행사 참가자들은 혈압 및 체지방측정, 그리고 빈혈과 독감 예방접종 등의 무료 의료 혜택을 받았다.

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데이비드 맥널리

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This story is about:
Area II commemorates Black History Month



흑인 역사의 달 기념 행사에 다수의 카투사들도 참석했다. 위 사진은 황인제 병장이 애국가를 부르고 있는 모습.

Learn Korean Easily



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“Chee-mee-gah
moet-im-nee-ggah?”
“What is your hobby?”

Single Consonants											
ㄱ	ㄴ	ㄷ	ㄹ	ㅁ	ㅂ	ㅅ	ㅇ	ㅈ	ㅊ	ㅋ	ㅌ
g	n	d	r, l	m	b	sh, s	ng	j	ch	k	t
Double Consonants											
ㄲ		ㄸ			ㅃ			ㅆ		ㅊ	ㅌ
gg		dd			bb			ss		jj	tt
Single Vowels											
ㅏ	ㅑ	ㅓ	ㅕ	ㅗ	ㅛ	ㅜ	ㅠ	ㅡ			ㅣ
ah	yah	oe	yoh	oh	yo	oo	you	ue			ee
Double Vowels											
ㅘ	ㅙ	ㅚ	ㅜ	ㅝ	ㅞ	ㅟ	ㅠ	ㅡ			ㅣ
eh	yeh	yeh		weh	wah	wuh	wee	ui			

Word of the week:

운동

ㅇ ; silent, ㅈ ; oo, ㅊ ; n /
ㅊ ; d, ㅊ ; oh ㅇ ; ng
‘oon-dohng’
exercise

The phrase of the week :

“My hobby is exercise.”

제 취미는 운동입니다.

Jeh chee-mee-nuen oon-dohng-im-nee-dah.

my hobby - is exercise

Conversation of the week

어떤 운동하십니까?

Uh-dun oon-dohng-hah-shim-nee-ggah?

What kind of exercise do you do?

걷기요.

Goet-gee-yo.

I walk.

매일 운동하십니까?

Meh-eel oon-dohng-hah-shim-nee-ggah?

Do you exercise every day?

아니요. 가끔해요.

Ah-nee-o. Gah-gguem-heh-yo

No. But I exercise often.

저도 걷기 좋아합니다.

Joe-doh goet-gee jo-ah-hahm-nee-dah.

I like walking.

그럼 같이 운동합시다.

Gue-roem gah-chee oon-dohng hahp-she-dah.

Then, let's exercise together.

등산

deung-sahn hiking

독서

dohk-soe reading

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